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Jordanian jailed

'Kuwaitis may be fighting in Kabul'

KUWAIT, April 17, (Agencies): Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed said today it was not new that citizens of Arab and Islamic countries were helping the Afghan mujahedeen.

He said that volunteers from several Arab and Islamic countries are fighting along with the mujahedeen. "Hence it was not surprising that Kuwaitis would be among them," he added.

Sheikh Sabah was commenting on a news item that a Kuwaiti citizen had been captured by the Afghan government forces while fighting along with the mujahedeen and that he will stand trial today in Kabul.

Sheikh Sabah said the Foreign Ministry had made contacts with the Afghan government and its charge d'affaires here to investigate the issue and ascertain identity and nationality of the detainee.

But the Afghan government said later today that the captured Arab was a Jordanian not a Kuwaiti.

A spokesman for the Kabul government also said earlier that a second Kuwaiti was killed in Afghan fighting.

An Afghan court today sentenced the Jordanian to 16 years in prison for spying for Saudi Arabia and activities against the Kabul government.

Abdullah Abu Imam, 23, of Palestinian origin, was wounded and arrested in January while living with mujahedeen rebels in the northern province of Faryab.

The Afghan Army sent tanks and other reinforcements yesterday to help free a convoy of food and fuel caught up in fierce battles with the mujahedeen.

Bahrain on verge of ties with China

BAHRAIN, April 17, (Reuters): Bahrain, which does not have diplomatic relations with any communist states, is on the verge of establishing ties with China, diplomatic and official sources said today.

The sources, who wished to remain anonymous, said intensive negotiations were taking place and a decision was likely in the coming week.

China's Ambassador to Kuwait, Guan Zi Hual, arrived in Bahrain yesterday for his second visit in the past three days.

Staunchly anti-communist Bahrain and Saudi Arabia are the only Arab countries not to have diplomatic relations with either Moscow or Beijing. But they have been moving towards rapprochement in recent months.

Saudi Arabia and China agreed in November to open commercial offices in each other's capitals and the kingdom has appointed an official with the status of ambassador to head its first trade office in China.

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Horror and agony
Soccer fans crushed against the fencing in the Liverpool enclosure at Hillsborough stadium (left) where 94 people died, on April 15. People openly grieve at a service held at Sheffield's cathedral for those who died at the stadium (right). (Reuters wirephotos)



Beirut is burning: 41 killed in shelling

Kuwait calls for emergency League meeting

BEIRUT, April 17, (Agencies): Fires burned out of control in Beirut's devastated streets today as the capital was hammered by indiscriminate artillery and rocket barrages between Christians and Muslims for the third straight day.

Kuwait today called for an emergency Arab League meeting on Lebanon.

Police reported that 41 people have been killed and 156 wounded in the fierce bombardments that erupted at dusk on Saturday between Army commander Gen. Michel Aoun's largely Christian forces and an alliance of Syrian troops and their Muslim Druze allies.

Police said the fighting was the fiercest since the battles broke out March 8, plunging Lebanon into a savage new spasm of civil war that some fear may be the "final battle" in the 14-year-old conflict between Christians and Muslims.

The carnalities raised the overall toll from six weeks of almost non-stop bombardment by both sides to 258 killed and 913 wounded, by police count.

Among the latest victims were Spanish Ambassador Pedro Manuel de Aristegui, 61, his wife's Lebanese father and sister, and a bodyguard.

The envoy's wife, Jomana, suffered severe head wounds when a 240mm shell struck the family's villa in the Hadath suburb of Christian East Beirut yesterday. She was reported still in critical condition in hospital.

Tens of thousands of Beirutis had hardly emerged from basements and bunkers during a brief morning lull when the guns and rocket launchers thundered into action again, sending people scurrying back to their shelters.

A police spokesman, who cannot be named under standing regulations, said the bombardment that engulfed Christian areas outside Beirut prevented a ferryboat from Larnaca, Cyprus, from entering the port of Jounieh, 12-15 miles (20 kilometres) north of the city.

Passengers aboard the Larnaca Rose, which dropped anchor a mile (1.6 kms) off Jounieh, were taken ashore by speedboats, the spokesman said.

There was widespread destruction in both sectors of the divided capital.

Thousands of burned-out cars lay smoldering on streets littered with broken glass and severed power cables. Hundreds of shops and other buildings were gutted.

Fires burned out of control in several residential districts of East Beirut, where police said more than 1,200 autos were destroyed by shellfire in the latest blitz.

Many buildings burned down because fire engines had no water to battle the fires.

The city's main power plants have been shut down since noon yesterday after they ran out of fuel. That left the city without any electricity and brought the water pumping system to a standstill.

Muslim West Beirut took a fierce pounding, even though the Syrians and their Druze allies heavily outgun and outnumber Aoun's forces in the Christian enclave north and east of Beirut.

Three shells struck the campus of the US-affiliated Beirut University College in the Koreitein district last evening.

"We had a shell on the west side of the dormitory. My room is gone," said Abir Shaaban, a Kuwaiti student who lives with three other girls in the BUC dorms.

"Luckily, none of us was hurt. We're now living in the shelter," she said.

The nine-storey Information Ministry building, which also houses the state-run Radio Beirut station, was gutted by a barrage of 30 artillery shells. The station remained off the air for a second day.

The smoke-blackened building is next door to the office of acting Prime Minister Salim Hoss, who heads a mostly Muslim cabinet that is vying for legitimacy with a Christian military cabinet headed by Aoun.

Before the shelling resumed today, red-eyed residents emerged from their shelters to view the devastation and attempt to clear up the debris.

They rushed back for cover as the third of exploding shells echoed anew across deserted streets strewn with glass and rubble.

French envoy Bernard Kouchner, negotiating with rival Muslim and Christian leaders over French aid, braved the shellfire to cross the Green Line from

Christian east to Muslim West Beirut.

He told reporters later that an agreement had been reached with Salim Hoss to evacuate casualties from the Muslim sector.

The French have already evacuated some wounded Christians from Jounieh to a hospital ship anchored offshore.

"I'm very optimistic. It was only half a success... with this other half it should be a real success," Kouchner said.

Kuwait today called for an emergency meeting of the Arab League to stop the killing in Lebanon.

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Mediation successful

Syrian rift with PLO healed

BAHRAIN, April 17, (AP): Algerian and Soviet mediators have succeeded in healing a five-year-old rift between Syria and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, Gulf newspapers reported today.

The Algerian and Soviet mediation bids between the PLO and Syria have begun to yield fruit, "Abu Dhabi's state-run Al Itihad daily quoted Salah Khalaf, a key Arafat, as saying.

The newspapers also said that Syrian President Hafez Assad has promised to release all Arafat's Palestinian followers held in Syrian prisons.

The dailies said that Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the PLO's political department, will go to Damascus soon to pave the way for an official visit by Arafat to the Syrian capital.

Al Itihad quoted Khalaf as saying: "Kaddoumi's visit will be fixed when the PLO receives an official invitation from Syria."

Khalaf is Arafat's second in command in Fatah, the main Palestinian group in the PLO.

Kuwait's Al Seyassah newspaper quoted "reliable Palestinian sources" as saying Kaddoumi has already been invited to Damascus by Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharaa.

Kaddoumi was recently named foreign minister of the independent Palestinian state proclaimed last November by the Palestine National Council, the PLO's parliament-in-exile.

Al Seyassah said Sharaa extended the invitation to a Palestinian delegation, comprising representatives of several factions, currently in Damascus and received by Assad.

Arafat was expelled from Damascus in 1983 after the Syrian leadership accused him of "surrenderist" policies in seeking a settlement of the Palestinian question with Israel.

Al Sharaa told the Palestinians he was willing to meet Kaddoumi within a week, but the Palestinian leadership has yet to appraise the Damascus talks, Al Seyassah reported.

The daily said the "dramatic change in Syria's attitude followed good offices exerted by Algeria."

It was referring to a tour of Arab capitals, including Damascus, by Algerian Foreign Minister Bouallam Bassayeh, as part of Algerian President Chadli Benjedid's initiative to heal Arab rifts in preparation for an Arab summit.

Al Seyassah and another Kuwaiti daily, the UAE Al Bayan noted that the Syrian overtures toward the PLO also followed a meeting last week between Assad and Entessar Al Wazir, widow of Khalil Wazir, the PLO military commander assassinated in Tunis a year ago.

The Soviets have been pressing Assad to reconcile with Arafat in an effort to forge a new Arab unity to enhance prospects for an international Middle East peace conference.

PLO will accept polls after pullout

Arafat sets two conditions

TUNIS, April 17, (Agencies): Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat said the PLO would accept elections in the Israeli-occupied territories under two conditions — that they be held after withdrawal of Israeli troops and under UN supervision.

During a ceremony organised to commemorate the first anniversary of the assassination of Khalil Al Wazir, Arafat's right-hand man also known as Abu Jihad, the PLO chief said he also would accept a "transitional period" of a few months before a final solution.

Israel has occupied the West Bank and Gaza Strip since seizing them in the 1967 Mideast war. The PLO wants to create a Palestinian state in the two territories. Israel rejects the idea.

During a visit to Washington earlier this month, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir proposed organising elections in the territories so their residents can choose representatives for peace talks. The United States, which also opposes a Palestinian state in the territories, said the proposal was encouraging.

"I say to (American President George) Bush, don't treat us any better than Namibia," Arafat said at the ceremony.

"Did you not say for Namibia: withdrawal, then (deployment of) UN (forces), then elections? Who said we were hostile to elections? We want elections, but is there a single free man in the world who would accept elections under the shadow of occupation?"

Shamir said the elections would open the road to an interim period of autonomy, then if that test was passed, a final solution, which certainly would not be an independent state.

"As to a transitional period under the supervision of the United Nations, we accept it as a

form of challenge, for a few months under the supervision of the United Nations, with the presence of UN forces and on the condition that Israeli forces withdraw from all of the Palestinian and Arab occupied territories," Arafat said.

"And I said 'and Arab territories'," he emphasised.

The PLO leader also reaffirmed his organisation's determination to have Jerusalem as the capital of an independent Palestinian state.

"Jerusalem is Arab and will remain so, whether that pleases Shamir (Finance Minister Shimon) Peres or (Defence Minister) Yitzhak Rabin," he said.

Arafat was strongly critical of Washington, which ended its boycott of the PLO and opened a

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Filipino Reds issue threat

Bases to be attacked

MANILA, April 17, (UPI): Communist rebels have threatened to attack strategic US military bases in the Philippines if President Corason Aquino extends the treaty covering the installations.

The communists also offered a unilateral ceasefire and promised to enter into negotiations for a political settlement of their insurgency if she terminated the treaty allowing US bases in the Philippines.

In a statement sent yesterday to news agencies, National Democratic Front (NDF) spokesman Satur Ocampo challenged Aquino to "make a definitive declaration of its intent" on the US bases.

Aquino has said she was "keeping her options open" on Clark Air Base and Subic Bay Naval Base, the largest American military facilities outside the United States. The 47-year lease on the facilities expires in 1991.

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Grand Bingo

MRS. Luisa M.J. D'Sa has bagged KD 100 for First Full House. Game No. 69 continues for the Second and Third Full House prizes.

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India to withdraw 7,000 of its troops

Bombs in Sri Lanka kill one, hurt 20

COLOMBO, April 17. (Agencies): India will withdraw 7,000 of its troops from the north and east of Sri Lanka before the end of this month, officials at the Indian high commission in Colombo said yesterday.

The officials who cannot be quoted under briefing rules, said the troops, consisting five battalions, will leave from the north eastern port of Trincomalee beginning April 26.

Earlier Lankan government official said, the troops will leave from the Colombo port since the Trincomalee port will be in need for wheat unloading this week. The Lankan officials said the troops will leave beginning early this week.

India has an estimated 50,000 troops in the two provinces to implement a peace pact signed in 1987 to end the Tamil ethnic conflict.

The Tamils, consisting 18 per cent of the country's 16 million population, accuse the majority Sinhalese of discrimination and are demanding political autonomy.

The presence of the Indian troops had angered the Sinhalese and given birth to Sinhalese extremist group, the People's Liberation Front.

President Ranasinghe

Premadasa has pledged to send back the Indian troops and earlier this year 4,000 troops left the country.

Twenty Tamils at a bus station were wounded and one was killed by bomb blasts a day after the government agreed to restart talks on ending the Tamils' six-year-old separatist insurgency.

No one took immediate responsibility for the bombings yesterday. Both Tamil separatists and majority Sinhalese extremists, who opposed any concessions to the Tamils, have carried out their own campaigns of terror.

Most of the injured were in critical condition.

The attacks came on the fifth day of a ceasefire called by the government and one day after Tamil rebels offered to begin peace talks.

A spokesman for Premadasa had called the rebel offer "a major breakthrough" shortly after it was made on Saturday. Premadasa has asked the rebels to name an accredited representative to enable him to start a dialogue.

The Tamils made their offer hours after an ambush blamed on the rebels left 21 soldiers dead. The attack raised to 79 the number of people killed in three days

of violence.

Two of the bombs went off near a stand for buses bound for northern Jaffna town, a Tamil stronghold, police said. All the casualties occurred there.

Another bomb, also placed in a bag and left on the sidewalk, exploded near a building where a former Tamil rebel group that has now joined the political mainstream kept its offices, police said. The building was damaged.

A spokesman for the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the largest and most powerful Tamil rebel group, said on Saturday, the group sent a letter to Premadasa offering to hold talks. There were no details of when and where such talks might be held.

Militant Tamils are waging a war against the government for an independent state. At least 10,000 people have been killed since the Tamil insurrection started in 1983.

The Tamils claim they suffer discrimination at the hands of mostly Buddhist Sinhalese, who make up 75 per cent of the population and control the government and military. Tamils, who are mostly Hindus, comprise 18 per cent of Sri Lanka's 16 million people.

Dealer of N-material is known to US

West Germany probes Hempel's activities

NEW YORK, April 17. (Reuters): The principal black market supplier of nuclear weapons materials to Third World countries is a West German businessman known to US intelligence, CBS News reported yesterday.

West Germany has investigated the activities of the businessman, Alfred Hempel, and they appear to be legal, a Bonn government spokesman told CBS News.

For its report, on a weekly

television news programme, CBS broadcast interviews with the Bonn government official, an expert on nuclear arms proliferation and a West German Member of Parliament, among others.

Gary Milhollin, identified by CBS as a law professor and an expert on nuclear proliferation, said Hempel started his business in the 1970s and had sent nuclear materials to India, Pakistan, Argentina, Israel and South Africa.

The materials, primarily low-

enriched uranium and heavy water, came from China and the Soviet Union, where Hempel has legitimate business connections, and were shipped through Hong Kong or Switzerland, Milhollin said.

CBS said Milhollin had found US State Department documents showing Washington had approached Bonn as long ago as 1981 about closing down Hempel's business, but repeated US requests had been ignored.

Dr Lorenz Schomerus, direc-

tor-general for foreign trade at the West German Economics Ministry, said Hempel's activities had been investigated, and found to be legal.

He said Bonn could not interfere with transactions conducted outside West German territory.

CBS said a West German parliamentary committee was investigating Hempel.

The head of the panel, Ingrid Matthaus-Maier, said the government's reaction to Hempel was "like these three famous

monkeys: see nothing, hear nothing, say nothing."

West Germany recently proposed tighter regulations on activities such as those alleged to be under way by Hempel.

CBS said Hempel declined to be interviewed for the report and so far had declined to talk to the parliamentary panel investigating him.

It quoted US officials as saying Hempel continues to deal in the nuclear black market.

Jubilant erupts

Poland legalises Solidarity, ends ban

WARSAW, April 17. (Reuters): A Warsaw court granted Solidarity legal registration today, ending a seven-year ban imposed on the independent trade union by Poland's communist rulers.

Scenes of jubilation erupted in the packed court room as Judge Danuta Widawska read out the historic decision registering Solidarity as a nation-wide trade union with headquarters in the northern port city of Gdansk.

She issued the decision after a one-hour hearing by the Warsaw provincial court.

Huge applause broke out as Widawska declared: "The court has decided to include the independent self-governing trade union Solidarity into the register of trade unions."

Shouts of "Solidarity, Solidarity" and "Lech Walesa, Lech Walesa" erupted and the entire room stood and sang Poland's national anthem.

"The union will have its headquarters in Gdansk and will be an organisation of employees and pensioners," Widawska said.

She said recent changes in Poland's trade union law agreed at government-opposition talks were the basis for the reintroduction of trade union pluralism for the first time since 1982.

"Solidarity hopes that the trade union will act properly in defence of the interests of the working people," Widawska added.

Solidarity emerged from a wave of strikes in 1980 as the first free trade union in the communist world. Millions of Poles at home and abroad saw it as the standard bearer of the country's fight for freedom from totalitarian rule.

The union was suppressed after 16 turbulent months when General Wojciech Jaruzelski imposed martial law on Dec 13, 1981.

It was formally outlawed in 1982 under a law that suspended trade union freedoms and led to formation of the communist-led Opozycja intended to replace it.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa and thousands of activists were arrested and interned under martial law. Other leaders went underground and kept up resistance to the authorities.

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Six captured

Two SWAPO rebels killed

WINDHOEK, April 17. (Reuters): Two black nationalist guerrillas were killed and six others were captured in fresh clashes with security forces in northern Namibia yesterday, administration officials said.

A spokesman for South Africa's administrator-general in the territory said today the latest deaths brought to 278 the number of South West Africa People's (SWAPO) guerrillas killed since April 1.

Heavy bush fighting between SWAPO guerrillas and South African-led forces broke out on April 1, shattering an hours-old ceasefire that was to have marked the start of a United Nations-supervised transition to independence for Namibia.

Officials said 27 security force members had been killed since the start of the fighting.

Classes resume in Soviet Georgia

MOSCOW, April 17. (Reuters): Students resumed classes in the capital of Soviet Georgia today and tanks were pulled off main streets more than a week after clashes between troops and nationalist demonstrators that killed 19 people.

Journalists speaking by telephone from Tbilisi said tension in the city was abating, with troops increasingly inconspicuous and tanks moving out from prominent places in the city centre.

Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, sent to his native Georgia last week to investigate the deaths, had cited the continued disruption of classes

War games

A camouflaged neo-Nazi youth lays in wait for a victim in Krems, Austria, on Sunday during war games which heaped some 25,000 graves, organised four days prior to the anniversary of 100th birthday of Adolf Hitler. (Reuters wirephoto)

NEWS IN BRIEF

7 die as Greek trawler sinks

BANJUL, April 17. (Reuters): Seven people died when a Greek trawler sank off the coast of the West African state of Gambia on Saturday, shipping sources said.

The dead — three Gambians, two Spaniards, a Senegalese and a Cape Verdean — including Gambian international soccer player Saul Samba, the sources added.

Eight killed in shootout

MEXICO CITY, April 17. (AP): Federal police assigned to protect visiting leaders of the country's ruling political party opened fire on Michoacan state police, prompting a gunfight that left eight people dead, the Excelsior News Service said.

Excelsior reported another three people were injured in the Sunday morning gunfight in the Michoacan state capital of Morelia. It said the incident is still under investigation.

Students mourn Hu Yaobang

BEIJING, April 17. (UPI): Young students donning red scarves and holding aloft the flag of the Communist Youth League stood solemnly in Beijing's main square today amid memorial wreaths mourning the death of former Communist Party chief Hu Yaobang.

Hu, once heir apparent to senior leader Deng Xiaoping and one of China's most liberal leaders, suffered a massive heart attack Saturday morning and died at age 73.

Khrushchev hailed in Moscow

MOSCOW, April 17. (Reuters): Late Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, written out of official history for two decades, has been hailed at a massive Moscow meeting as the man who sowed the seeds for Mikhail Gorbachev's "perestroika" reforms.

Some 2,000 people marking the 95th anniversary of Khrushchev's birth heard survivors of Josef Stalin's labour camps and intellectuals persecuted under Leonid Brezhnev say on Sunday night that current reforms would have been impossible without him.

Stolen paintings recovered

OTTIERLO, Netherlands, April 17. (AP): One of the three Van Gogh paintings stolen from a Dutch museum last December has been recovered by the museum, Dutch radio reported today.

The paintings, identified as Vincent Van Gogh's "The Loom," was returned to the museum after thieves demanded a ransom of 5 million guilders (\$2.5 million) according to the radio report.

Ahmed visits Tokyo

TOKYO, April 17. (AP): Bangladesh Prime Minister Maudud Ahmed arrived in Tokyo yesterday for a three-day stay in Japan after visiting the United States, a Bangladesh embassy official said.

The official, Kazi Radiuddin Ahmad, said Ahmed is to meet with his Japanese counterpart, Noboru Takeshita, Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno and other government and business leaders today to discuss ways of expanding economic relations between the two countries.

Bomb kills one

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, April 17. (UPI): One man was killed and another seriously wounded late yesterday when a bomb they were carrying detonated outside a warehouse used by the US embassy in Tegucigalpa, officials said.

Initial police reports said the two men apparently were about to plant the device at the facility when the bomb went off. The warehouse was not damaged.

Rights situation remains grim

Aquino denies abuses

MANILA, April 17. (AP): Deep scars on the back of Hilario Bustamante serve as a grim reminder of the time a year ago when armed men abducted him, tortured him for three days and left him for dead.

His story is one example of what Roman Catholic priests, lawyers and civil rights workers say is a pattern of widespread human rights abuses in the Philippines despite President Corason Aquino's oft-stated commitment to social justice.

Bustamante and a companion were putting up posters against US military bases when they were grabbed on a Manila street in March 1988. The youth says they were taken to a military garrison, tortured, driven to a remote field and dumped unconscious.

His companion was found dead, but Bustamante survived. A year later, police say there are no leads. Bustamante has given up pursuing the case, fearing for his life.

Some groups claim human rights abuses are more widespread now that under former President Ferdinand Marcos, who was ousted in the 1986 uprising that propelled Aquino to power.

The church-affiliated task force detainees says 8,367 people were detained in 1987 on suspicion of links to rebel groups. That exceeds the 5,967 people arrested in 1985, the last full year of Marcos' rule. The task force says one out of four arrested are tortured.

Also in 1987, the task force documented 98 massacres, compared with 54 in 1985. Victims include 17 people slain in Lupao in February 1987 and at least 13 protesters killed during a march for land reform in Manila in January 1987.

No one has been convicted in either case, although the military acknowledges soldiers were responsible.

Aquino has denied her government sanctions human rights abuses. The military says it is weeding out offenders from its ranks and indoctrinating troops to respect human rights.

But last December, Amnesty International reported "a pattern of torture" in the Philippines as a result of the government's stepped up campaign against communist insurgents.

The government's commission on human rights says only 12 people have been convicted of human rights abuses since Aquino took power.

"I am not happy with the human rights situation," said Sen. Rene Saguisag, a former human rights lawyer and former spokesman for Mrs. Aquino. "We can't even be assured that we won't be the victim of human rights violations tomorrow."

Amnesty's report blamed the abuses on military and paramilitary units, including hundreds of anti-communist vigilante groups organized since 1987 to help fight the rebels.

Aquino branded the report unfair. But priests and others active in the human rights movement say little is done to track down and punish offenders. Victims keep silent for fear of reprisal.

"Human rights is not a matter of statistics but is a matter of terror," said Rev. Vincent Busch, a US member of the Society of St. Columban, a religious order and critic of the government's human rights performance.

Priests and lawyers complain that the military frequently brands whole villages as communist if New People's Army rebels operate in the area. Civilians are singled out for arrest and torture on the flimsiest of evidence.

"They say Samar is No. 1 in insurgency so they think everybody is communist," said Leticia Buenasada, a lawyer for the Commission on Human Rights on Samar Island.

Miss Buenasada said she received threats from the military and her office was ransacked by soldiers after she began investigating the disappearance of several civilians. Six human rights lawyers have been slain nationwide since October 1987.

Priests complain that local military commanders, in an attempt to impress their superiors in Manila, force whole villages to participate in mock "surrenders." Others are driven from their homes during operations against the rebels.

Rev. Michael Sinnott, an Irishman based in Mindanao, said the abuses were actually driving civilians into the insurgent ranks. "The best recruiting agency for the NPA is the military," he said. "For every abuse they commit, for every one person they kill, they recruit five people more (for the guerrillas)."

Critics fear the situation will worsen as the military deploys a new civilian militia, the Citizens Armed Forces Geographical Unit. The military says the 50,000 militiamen will be sent to remote villages to augment security but that they will be strictly controlled.

'Ban won't stop abortion'

NEW YORK, April 17. (AP):

People in the US overwhelmingly believe that outlawing abortion would do little to curtail it, and half want the operation to remain legal and unrestricted in early pregnancies, a poll has found.

Up to 65 per cent of the 1,108 adults questioned in the media general-associated press poll supported legalized abortion in other contexts.

The poll also found broad opposition to operation rescue, whose members have been blocking entrances to abortion clinics around the country.

With the US Supreme Court poised to reconsider its 1973 Roe vs. Wade decision that legalized abortion during the first three months of pregnancy, 53 per cent in the random-sample survey said they favoured that landmark ruling.

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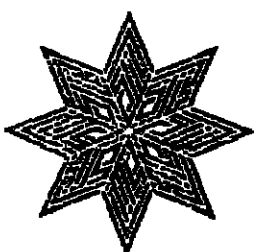
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Chaplin centennial

The 100th anniversary of Charlie Chaplin's birth is being commemorated with events around the world. Festivities officially began in Vevey, Switzerland on Sunday, April 16, the day Chaplin was born in London in 1889. Chaplin lived in Vevey

from 1952 until his death in 1977. One of the 100 Charlie Chaplins dancing in Vevey town square looks quite like the real thing as he loses step with the others. The dance was to celebrate Chaplin's 100th birthday. (Reuter wirephoto)

Anti-drug measures tightened in States

PITTSBURGH, April 17, (UPI): The Federal Aviation Administration may bring criminal charges and administrative sanctions against hundreds of pilots who did not disclose alcohol or drug convictions on applications, the Pittsburgh Press said yesterday.

The FAA investigation is part of a two-year effort by the Transportation Department to keep pilots who may be drug- or alcohol-impaired out of the cockpit, the newspaper said.

The FAA inquiry will continue despite a legal setback from Tampa, Florida, judge George Carr, who ruled the pilot's FAA application form is too vague to support a criminal prosecution because of convictions not mentioned, the Press said.

Justice Department and Transportation Department officials said the Florida decision has not affected plans to press similar charges against pilots around the country who failed to disclose convictions to the FAA, the Press said.

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"We have referred a number of these cases to US attorneys' offices," said John Rosengren, chief of projects and analysis with the Transportation Department's Inspector General's office. "And we're going to continue to go forward with this process."

Meanwhile, in Washington, Housing and Urban Development Secretary Jack Kemp said yesterday he will give directors of public housing projects the authority to kick out tenants convicted of drug-related crimes.

Kemp said in a statement he will notify public housing authorities this week that leases must include "an explicit provision that allows termination of tenancy" if a tenant or member of the tenant's household is convicted of illegal drug use, trafficking or drug-related crimes.

Kemp also said he will notify public housing directors that they may use federal housing improvement funds for anti-drug security measures, such as lighting or hiring staff for drug education and referral programs.

HUD spokesman Jack Flynn said the measures were approved by Congress last year under the Anti-Drug Abuse Act.

Letters
In February, Kemp said he sent letters to the nation's 3,000 public housing authorities, asking them to take part in a voluntary survey to see what can be done to help ease the presence of drugs and drug trafficking from public housing properties.

From the more than 1,000 directors who replied, Kemp said it is clear "that law-abiding residents in public housing want to be freed from the plague of drug dealers and drug abusers and the criminal activities they create and spread."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Prince Edward in Moscow

MOSCOW, April 17, (AP): Britain's Prince Edward was given a traditional Russian welcome of bread and salt yesterday by a Russian orthodox priest, then attended church services at which a prayer was said for the British and Soviet peoples.

Edward, the youngest child of Queen Elizabeth arrived in Moscow on Saturday for a three-day visit. Last night, he was to attend a performance of T.S. Eliot's play "Murder in the Cathedral" given by a British theatre troupe.

Edward, 25, is a patron of the company staging the play. Britain's National Youth Theatre. He also works as a theatre production assistant with Andrew Lloyd Weber's Really Useful theatre company.

Soviet Mars probe abandoned

MOSCOW, April 17, (AP): Soviet scientists have abandoned efforts to re-establish contact with the second of two unmanned probes sent to Mars at a cost of \$480 million, the official Tass news agency has said.

The decision to discontinue attempts to reach Phobos-2 was taken by a commission investigating why contact was originally lost on March 27, Tass said on Saturday.

Quoting Soviet space official Roald Kremnev, Tass said the last signals received from the probe indicated it had lost its bearings, was rotating, and that its solar batteries had stopped supplying energy.

New literature prize

BUENOS AIRES, April 17, (Reuter): Poets and short-story writers in all languages will be invited to compete for a new international literature prize named after late Argentine writer Jorge Luis Borges, his widow said yesterday.

Maria Kodama told Reuters the prize would be a Latin American equivalent of the Nobel prize for literature. "It will be an international literature prize only for short-stories and poetry," the genres favoured by Borges, said Kodama, who worked with him for more than 20 years and married him just before his death in 1986 at the age of 87.

She said the prize will be awarded every August 24, Borges' birthday, and will carry a substantial cash award to be announced later.

Indian students protest

OTTAWA, April 17, (Reuter): Two Canadian Indians protesting against government plans to cut funding for Indian education entered the 26th day of a hunger strike yesterday, but 12 other protesters ended their fast.

Indian Affairs Minister Pierre Cadieux has refused to meet the protesters until all of them end the hunger strike.

The protesters, all Indian students, have sparked a country-wide series of demonstrations and sit-ins by Indians. Indian leaders say government help is necessary to attend university and vowed yesterday to escalate the battle against a plan by Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's government to cut a college fund for Indians.

Train with chemicals derailed

ROTENBURG, West Germany April 17, (AP): A train carrying explosive chemicals derailed near the central station of this northern city, forcing evacuation of more than 1,000 residents early yesterday.

Police said the first attempt to lift three overturned tankers carrying explosive chemicals failed because the cars were "crushed together like an accordion."

A large crane was brought in and succeeded in lifting the three tankers from the ravine in which they had derailed. The tankers were taken away from the accident scene by truck.

\$69m US lottery split

Four hit the gold mine

CHICAGO, April 17, (Agencies): There were four winning tickets in the \$69-million Illinois lottery, the richest jackpot of its kind in US history, officials said yesterday.

The identities of the winners were not immediately known. Each winning one-dollar ticket will receive about \$17.25 million, paid in annual instalments over 20 years.

The drawing, held on Saturday night, was for a pot that surpassed the previous record, \$61.9 million in the California lottery last October.

The Illinois prize grew after no one correctly picked the six numbers drawn during the previous three weeks.

The huge jackpot created a gambling frenzy across the state. In the hours before the numbers were selected, people were buying tickets at the rate of one million dollars an hour.

Lottery officials said they had received telephone calls and inquiries from all over the world. There were reports that some people had booked airline flights to or through Chicago just so they could buy a chance.

With the splitting of Saturday's jackpot, the largest single lottery winner remains Sheelah Ryan of Florida, who walked away with \$55.16 million in the Florida lottery in September.

Suspected killer eludes massive manhunt

SANTA ROSA, California, April 17, (UPI): A "clearly deranged" man accused of killing his wife, two of his daughters and four other people eluded a massive manhunt, and the sheriff said he assumes there will be a "very serious encounter" with police when they find him.

The object of the manhunt was Ramon Salcido, 28, described as a gun-toting, hot-tempered winery worker who police say slashed the throats of his three little daughters,

threw them over a cliff at a landfill and left them to die. Two of the girls were dead when a man found them on Saturday while scavenging for auto parts, but two-year-old Carmina Salcido was still alive and was recovering following surgery to repair her wounds.

Police said she told them her father had attacked the three girls.

"He's just a psychopath," Sonoma county sheriff Dick Michalsen said after the girls were found. "I can't imagine an individual

who would do this." Carmina was under police guard at Petaluma Valley hospital and in stable condition. She spent a "comfortable night," hugging stuffed animals and surrounded by toys that have flooded in from concerned people, a hospital spokeswoman said yesterday. "He's trying to get away," the sheriff told an impromptu news conference yesterday. "I envision a very serious encounter with law enforcement when we locate him."

Disaster as Soviet ICBM blew up

Dozens perished

MOSCOW, April 17, (AP): The Soviet Union yesterday gave the first official public account of its worst space-related disaster, the 1960 explosion of a missile that killed the head of Soviet rocket forces and incinerated others on the launchpad.

The weekly magazine Ogonyok blamed the 1960 accident on the Kremlin's rush to catch up with the United States in the "missile race" by developing the first Soviet ICBM, the R-16, and ignoring safety rules as a result.

Chief Artillery Marshal Mitrofan Nedelin, a World War II veteran serving as the first commander of the newly created Soviet rocket forces, was killed when the ballistic missile blew up, Ogonyok said.

After the fire and explosion at the secret launchpad near the Aral Sea, "practically nothing was left" of other people there — only metal money and keys, the magazine said.

It did not say how many died in the accident at launchpad No. 10 at Tura-Tam, but then-premier Nikita Khrushchev, in memoirs later published in the West, said "dozens" of soldiers, specialists and technicians perished.

"A stream of fire burst out of the rocket, inundating everything around it, people tried to escape by running to the covered area where cars and other equipment were, but the road literally melted in front of them, blocking the escape route," the magazine quoted a witness who survived as saying.

James Oberg, a US space consultant who is an expert on the Soviet space programme, has written that "a million pounds of kerosene and liquid oxygen flared up in a pyre which must have been visible for hundreds of miles (kilometres). ... In terms of human lives lost, it was probably the greatest disaster of the space age."

Accounts of the Oct 24, 1960, disaster written by Oberg and other Westerners have circulated abroad, but Ogonyok's report was the first in the official Soviet news media.

It differed from the account in Oberg's 1988 book "Uncovering Soviet Disasters: Exploring the Limits of Glasnost," which said Nedelin and his men died while readying the launch of an unmanned Mars

probe. The magazine said the accident occurred while the Soviets were preparing for the maiden flight of the country's first intercontinental ballistic missile.

Ogonyok said the R-16's launch had been scheduled for Oct 23, but postponed because of an electrical defect in the engine that was causing fuel to leak into the turbo-pump section. Hatches were removed and welding work begun on the fully fueled rocket, a step Ogonyok called "one of the gravest violations of safety precautions."

Repairs were carried out round-the-clock because there was only a 24-hour guarantee that the engine would function in the rocket's vertical position, Ogonyok said.

Thirty minutes before the R-16's scheduled liftoff on Oct 24, 1960, workers were installing an electrical distributor, when the device somehow gave the "untimely command" to ignite the rocket's second stage, the magazine said.

The flames from the ignited second-stage engine burned through the fuel tanks of the first stage, causing a fire and explosion.

An official obituary published in the Soviet press two days later said the chief of the country's rocket forces, Nedelin, "died tragically in the line of duty" in a plane crash. No mention of a disaster or other casualties was ever made.

Ironically, Ogonyok said, the rocket's designer, M.K. Yangel, survived because he had left the launchpad area to have a smoke.

The magazine article has been published as the Soviet Union is coping with setbacks in its space programme and some citizens calling for cutbacks in space research, which totalled 1.3 billion rubles (\$2 billion) in 1988, according to the official Tass news agency.

On Wednesday, celebrated by the Soviets as Cosmonauts Day, Tass reported that the orbiting space station MIR would be left unmanned for three months because of delays in preparing extra bolt-on sections.

In March, Soviet scientists lost contact with the second of two Phobos probes sent to Mars at a cost of \$480 million.

50 hijack attempts in Soviet Union

MOSCOW, April 17, (AP): Security officials at Soviet airports last year seized more than 250 guns and 900 pounds of explosives, a news report said yesterday.

Last summer, officials said there were at least 50 hijack attempts in the Soviet Union over the past 15 years. However, the weekly magazine Ogonyok, which published the new report, did not say how many of the weapons seized in 1988 were linked to attempted hijackings.

The magazine claimed all Soviet hijack attempts were motivated by a desire to leave the country or by personal greed. It said in the West, people usually commandeered planes for political reasons.

Several recent hijackings and attempted hijackings in the Soviet Union have made international news.

On March 30, a man demanding of \$855,000 and a flight to Pakistan tried to hijack a Soviet airliner carrying 75 passengers to the Caspian seaport of Baku. He was subdued and no one was injured.

Authorities described that would-be hijacker as a fugitive from the law.

In December, four hijackers commandeered a Soviet school bus, and officials provided them with an Ilyushin 76-T transport plane that flew them to Israel. They were arrested there and sent back to the Soviet Union, where they were given prison sentences ranging from 13 to 15 years.

Bagful of money crops up again in bamboo thicket

TOKYO, April 17, (AP): For the second time in five days, a man hunting for bamboo shoots has found a bag containing about 100 million yen (\$758,000) in the same bamboo thicket near Tokyo, police said yesterday.

Yesterday's find was about 30 metres (100 feet) from the spot where a restaurant owner found one bag full of cash last Tuesday, police said.

They did not identify the man who found the second bag, but said about 20 other people, including three members of his family, were hunting for bamboo shoots in the thicket

at the time of the find.

There has been no explanation so far for the cash left in the area, about 11 metres (36 feet) from a road in Kawasaki, 16 kms (26 miles) southwest of Tokyo. After Tuesday's find, police suggested the cash might have come from a crime.

Damp

A police official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that as in the first case, some of the cash in the vinyl bag had rotted and other bills were damp and fragile. Some of the

cash found earlier — all 10,000 yen (\$76) bills — was bundled with bank tape dated from 1985 to 1986.

The official said the man who found the second bag yesterday was looking for bamboo shoots and dropwort to eat at home.

Seie Sato, 39, who found the first bag last Tuesday, owns a small shop that serves grilled meat on a stick, and was seeking bamboo shoots for his restaurant as well as for himself.

"I was surprised on hearing the news that money was found again in the same place," Sato said yesterday.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Amiri cable

KUWAIT, April 17, (KUNA): HH the Amir sent a cable of congratulations to Syrian President Hafez Assad on Syria's National Day.

Premier's cables

KUWAIT, April 17, (KUNA): HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah sent a cable of congratulations to President of Syria Hafez Assad on the occasion of his country's National Day.

His Highness also sent a similar cable to Syrian Premier Mahmoud Al Zo'bi.

Mutton supply

THE sudden increase in the price of red mutton during Ramadan is due to greatly intensified demand, according to Jassem Abdul Hamid Al Sager, local sales manager at the Livestock Trading Company.

The company attempts to meet customer demand by providing more than 100,000 sheep during the holy month of Ramadan, Sager said, adding that the company provides fresh, locally-slaughtered mutton at all its main distribution locations. The company also sells Arabian, Turkish, and Chinese mutton, Sager said.

In addition to importing mutton, the company conducts breeding experiments in conjunction with the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) and the Kuwait Foundation for the Advancement of Science (KFAS), Sager said. The experiments are geared towards improving breeds under local conditions and comparing the feasibility of breeding different types of sheep throughout the year, he said.

Muslim scholars

UNDERSECRETARY at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Mohammed Naser Al Hamdhan said that the ministry hosted a number of Muslim scholars and learned thinkers to address gatherings at mosques during the holy month of Ramadan.

He added that these guests, including local scholars and peers will organise and supervise cultural programmes of the ministry during this holy month.

The ministry had the honour to print a new copy of the Holy Quran and has distributed copies to different mosques in Kuwait Hamdhan said.

He added that the ministry sent some imams to Bahrain and Maldives this year. This is in addition to those who are already working in Islamic countries where there is an Islamic minority. The ministry has contracted with 115 new imams to replace retired imams to work in the newly built mosques, Hamdhan said.

Houses distributed

A TOTAL of 125 houses and buildings the Qurain housing project will be distributed to citizens whose houses were evacuated for structural problems, according to Assistant Secretary for Applications and Allocations at the National Housing Authority Ahmed Al Samakh.

The official said the allocation of these houses comes at the instructions of the Minister of State for Housing Affairs, and that 14 buildings will go to those with unsuitable houses in Doha.

The NHA has instigated extensive geological studies for the area in which expert geologists participated.

Boy murdered

AN 18-year-old boy was murdered by 15-year-old boy Thursday morning because of a personal dispute. The incident began while a group of youths were sitting together in the early hours of Thursday, when a heated argument started between the two. The killer then beat the deceased with an iron instrument repeatedly until he died.

Brazilian envoy

KUWAIT, April 17, (KUNA): Minister of Defence Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed Al Jabr Al Sabah received today at his office the Brazilian Ambassador to Kuwait Sergio Seabra de Noronha.

Indian embassy

A PRESS release from the Embassy of India has said that it will remain closed on Tuesday April 18, 1989 on the occasion of Mahavir Jayanti.

Cabinet decides on urgent aid to Lebanon

Arab and international issues discussed

KUWAIT, April 17, (KUNA): Due to the recent regrettable developments in Lebanon, Kuwait Council of Ministers decided to send an urgent aid including fuel, medical equipment and medicine to help relieve Lebanese brothers there, the State Department for Cabinet Affairs stated yesterday.

Rashed Al Rashed said, following the cabinet's regular weekly session under chairmanship of HH the Crown Prince and

Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah, that the decision is in implementation of HH the Amir's directives and Kuwaiti people's participation with Lebanese brothers in their time of tribulation.

The minister indicated that the council was informed on the message that HH the Amir received from Austrian President Dr Kurt Waldheim which dealt with ways of fostering and promoting

bilateral ties in various fields.

In the light of meetings of the Arab League Lebanon Committee with representatives of the "Lebanese Front," held here last week, the council expressed its deep appreciation for the sincere efforts to settle the Lebanese problem, exerted by the committee headed by Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, hoping it all the success and good luck, Rashed went on.

He added that Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa, on his part, informed the council on his talks with South Yemen's Deputy Premier and Energy and Minerals Minister Saleh Abu Baker Hussein during the latter's visit to Kuwait.

On the other hand, Electricity and Water Minister Dr Homoud Al Rqobah explained to the council the circumstances of last Thursday's electricity blackout

of several areas of the country and precautions taken to avoid similar incidents.

Rashed said the council decided to continue discussions on the issue next week when a comprehensive report be submitted by the minister.

Concluding, he said the council examined a number of reports concerning developments in the Arab and international arenas as well as discussing a number of other local issues.

Industrial areas to be restructured

ASSISTANT Undersecretary for Financial and Administrative Affairs and Acting Assistant Undersecretary for Industrial Affairs at Kuwait's Ministry of Commerce and Industry Ali Al Ben Ali was quoted as saying that the ministry has submitted a memo on the problems and obstacles of the industrial areas of the country to the cabinet.

The memo includes the ministry's proposals on the issue in light of the comprehensive survey conducted by the ministry for all industrial and service activities including plots rented by some industrialists from the government, Ali said.

He added, apart from the above, the ministry has sent a memo to the minister of state for Municipal Affairs concerning the possibility of preparing new industrial and service areas and establishing service centres along the highways, establishing of model centres in the different areas of the country, preparation of handicrafts and light industries areas and permitting the

private sector to utilise its own lands for industrial purposes.

In an interview with a local daily, the official was quoted as saying that the situation upto 1986 at the Industrial Development Affairs Department was administratively undeveloped.

Ali said that the ministry's support to the industrial sector is represented in the exemption of customs fees. This exemption covers equipment, laboratories and tools imported by the industrial installations in addition to raw materials. The ministry also provides protection for local output.

He clarified that the ministry was extending the necessary help towards preparing necessary economic feasibility studies to a number of industrial projects in addition to extending technical assistance for preparing relevant tender specifications of new plants or for imports of necessary equipment, and for determining necessary opportunities for investment in the industrial sector.



Traffic officers honoured

THE Director General of Traffic Department Brigadier Fuad Mussaad Al Saleh has decorated 11 officers with service medals granted by HH the Amir, the Public Relations Department at the Ministry of Interior reported.

It added, that Brigadier Saleh at the instructions of the minister of interior and the undersecretary has honoured another 39 officers and warrant officers from the department for their contribution in the GCC unified traffic week. The decoration ceremony was attended by senior officials at the Traffic Department.

Civil Defence volunteers to be honoured after Eid

THE director-general of the General Department for Civil Defence Col. Khaled Al Qaood has said that a special prize distribution ceremony will be held after Eid Al Fitr to honour graduates of the first batch of volunteers.

He told a local daily that the training programme for the second batch of volunteers will start next September. The programme will pay special attention to the positive role of women volunteers in the field of Civil Defence.

The department conducts its training programme at temporary training fields, and

endeavours to eliminate all existing problems that could hamper optimum implementation.

Project designs for a special training field are currently being prepared and construction works are expected to be completed within 18 months.

The department is also planning to set up separate training fields in each governorate, besides the main training field at the department.

There is also a plan to enter the Civil Defence Science into the educational curriculum at the GCC level, as part of the students study courses at schools, Qaood said.

US visa applicants to know by October 1

By Diane Diaz
Arab Times staff

IT'S still too early to tell who has been selected to immigrate to the United States under the Berman visa programme.

The US State Department, apparently flooded by requests for information, has issued a statement to its embassies saying that the first 20,000 applicants selected at random by a computer will be informed by October 1 of this year.

"Applicants are asked not to contact the Department of State or the embassy (consulate)," the statement reads. "Selected applicants will in all cases be contacted by the embassy ... closest to the applicant's last place of residence outside of the US."

Applications for immigration under the programme were accepted in Washington only during the month of March. Visa requests which arrived before March 1 and after March 31 will not be among those considered for the programme.

The limited immigration programme, known as the Berman Diversity Programme or OP-1, was designed by US lawmakers to allow easier access to the United States for people born in so-called under-represented countries.

According to the US government, that means a country which used fewer than 5,000 immigrant visa numbers in fiscal 1987.

Mistakes alleged in lab tests

Wrong analysis quite common

OWNERS of medical laboratories in Kuwait are confronted with residents' allegations saying that many mistakes have occurred in blood tests and pregnancy examinations at privately owned medical laboratories.

A local daily interviewed a number of owners in order to highlight their opinions on government medical laboratories and other related issues.

Patients may ask for test results and mostly are in a hurry to receive their analysis, according to Ziyad Issa, the manager of one private laboratory. He added that technicians at medical laboratories can't give test results because they are not qualified to do so. Issa said that some patients complain that medical laboratories take a lot of blood for tests, although it is prohibited to exceed the 10 centilitre limit which is considered to be a small amount.

The possibility of technical mistakes is very small, and usually such mistakes are committed while typewriting test analyses onto paper, Issa said. He added that in order to avoid such mistakes the sample taking process must be organised and technical supervision should be provided for all laboratory equipment used in analysing samples. He pointed out that five per cent is the maximum

error percentage and should not be exceeded while conducting tests. Errors exceeding this are investigated in full by the Ministry of Public Health.

Issa added that he does not want to criticise the level of government laboratories, which are well equipped, with highly technical and sophisticated machines, and outperform private laboratories with better and more accurate test results and highly qualified manpower.

He added that government laboratories are crowded with patients, which may increase the probability of errors. Patients at private laboratories are treated with more attention and are given full care, he said.

He considered private laboratories as a complement to government laboratories. Meanwhile, Dr Ahmed Zain Al Abideen praised the strong co-operation between laboratories of the private sector and the government. He said that some private tests are sent to government laboratories due to shortages in capabilities.

Dr Abideen stressed that private medical laboratories fall under constant Health Ministry supervision. The ministry sends random inspectors to all private laboratories to examine their qualifications.

CSC completes data

THE computer centre at the Civil Service Commission has successfully completed a system for recording information about public servants in all ministries and government establishments, as well as Kuwaiti graduates and students on state scholarships, according to Saud Al Talab, assistant undersecretary for computer and scholarship affairs.

About 167,000 working and 76,000 retired public servants are recorded in the system, which holds inclusive data about their professional developments, personal information, academic qualifications, training courses, families, promotions and annual reports.

The system can provide any of this information within 15 seconds, Talab said. The computer centre last year issued 2,974 reports for government authorities, he said, adding that the system was the fruit of eight years of continuous work at the centre.

The system also provides the scholarship department with instant data on students who are studying abroad at the state's expense, and will provide the department with regular reports about their performance, Talab said.

The centre presently employs 38 persons.

Anti-oil pollution plan by EPC

A SENIOR official at the Environmental Protection Council (EPC) has said that the EPC is about to implement a national anti-oil pollution plan to fight the oil leakage which resulted from an oil-tanker crashing into the loading dock at Shuaiba port, causing a spill of nearly 250 tons or the equivalent of 1,800 barrels.

The official told a local daily that the EPC has been able to bring the situation under control and prevent the drift of the oil slick into the water, except for a small portion on which work was currently in progress.

Public service offices criticised

WHILE public service offices have been established at ministries and other government agencies, some citizens have complained about their effectiveness and efficiency, a local daily reported after interviewing a number of individuals.

Mohammed Al Barak, a popular Kuwaiti personality, said the offices were a good idea, but that they should be staffed by people who are honest, accurate, and keep appointments.

Muthana Al Jassam said that the offices eased pressure on citizens, but suggested that expatriates should have access to them as well.

Bushra Al Qatan proposed that the offices should prepare booklets informing people how to petition. She also said such offices should be established at the General Traffic Department, the Passport Department and the Nationality Department.

Hamad Al Jassam said that for the offices to be successful, they required the supervision of the Council of Ministers. They should also advertise themselves through public information campaigns, he said, since many people don't know of their existence.

Heart cases

HEART disease in Bahrain is increasing every year, due mainly to changes in living standards, dependency on canned and ready-made foods, and high fat intake, according to Dr Habib Etraifi, heart surgery consultant at Sulaimaniya hospital, where the emergency room receives an average of 26 heart cases daily.

Dr Etraifi said that Bahrain could join efforts with neighbouring countries in the field of open-heart surgery, but that this should not stop Bahrain from providing this specialisation.

Private tuitions becoming the norm

Students complain of low standards of education

A NUMBER of students claim they have been obliged to get private lessons at home because of the low standard of education they get at school. They added that they pay big amounts for private teachers, who sometimes turn out to be the same as at their schools. They claimed they were able to get questions of the final examinations at their schools from these teachers in order to obtain outstanding success in exams.

A student in the final class of secondary school, Ghanim Al Usman, said he has been taking private lessons in commerce since he was in the second class of the secondary stage. He added that teachers of this subject are not knowledgeable in their work. The Education Ministry does not select suitable and qualified teachers for this subject, he said, adding that private teachers helped him to solve problem of his weakness in commerce.

Ghanim said that courses offered at schools are too long, whereas private teachers can summarise these courses for him. Teachers in school are only concerned with giving attention to outstanding students or to those who have relations with their

families, he asserted, saying that this obliges low-level students to find private teachers. Most of his friends who deal with private teachers are wealthy, he said, which means their lessons cost ten dinars an hour.

Another student, at the Faculty of Technology said the same teachers who were teaching in school were giving him private classes at home although this was illegal. These teachers were helping him to the final exams by giving him high grade against money even though the student does not deserve these grades. "The teacher who was teaching me physics was getting KD12 an hour," he said. "This teacher was asking me not to attend classes at the school in order not to expose my low standard in the subject." He was getting his final grades at exams time because of this private relationship with his teachers. He added that illegitimate success in secondary school affected his studies at the faculty, when he found that he did not understand the text books.

At the Commercial Institute, Ibrahim Al Khamis, said he was paying KD350 a month for a private teacher while in secondary school. He added that he was depend-

ing on the efforts of these teachers to help him to understand the subject. These teachers were from the same school, and helped him in getting high grades that he did not deserve. Some of them brought questions from the final exams to him, to help him pass these exams and get the highest grades. He added that students of the secondary school suffer from the low standards of their teachers. Some teachers teach subjects which are different from their majors, he said, adding that his low standard in the school was exposed to him when he joined the commercial institute.

A student at the Faculty of Commerce of Kuwait University, Hussein Hayat, said that he did not believe in the importance of private lessons at homes. He criticised students who accuse teachers of weak standards. He added that if this is true we would not find outstanding students in each classroom. He blamed the weakness of students on students themselves, who want to get high grades without any serious efforts.

Some students get private lessons because they have relationships with their teachers at school, Hussein said, adding that one of his friends succeeded in filming

his private teacher while he was teaching him at home illegally.

He then blackmailed the teacher, in order to obtain the highest grade on his final exam, threatening to hand over the film to the Education Ministry. The teacher was obliged to give him the grade he wanted, Hussein said.

Hussein pointed out that not all private teachers get money for their work. Some of them obliged their students to furnish their flats against getting private lessons, or to buy electrical appliances for them. He added that some students pay KD15 for an hour of private classes, while others pay five dinars for the same class. The teachers price their classes according to the social and financial situation of the student, he said.

Dusj Khalifa Al Sabah from the Faculty of Commerce at Kuwait University said that he was paying KD400 a month for each private teacher while he was in the secondary school. These teachers helped him to understand subjects, he said, but also showed him models of the final exams and ways of answering them, which facilitated the passing of these exams for him, he said.

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Energy File

Dhaka may be leased to foreign oil firms

DHAKA, April 17. (Reuters): Bangladesh, desperate to meet its growing energy needs, plans to lease more than the country's land area to foreign companies for oil and gas exploration.

Nineteen onshore and offshore blocks, covering an area of 175,000 square km (105,000 square miles), will be open for bidding next June, Bangladesh Oil, Gas and Mineral Corporation (BOGMC) officials said on Sunday.

"This comes as a desperate government move to meet growing need for energy," one official said.

Prime Minister Moudud Ahmed told Reuters in a recent interview that about one-third of Bangladesh's export earnings are spent on oil imports.

Bangladesh struck oil in December 1986 in the northeastern Haripur gas field, one of the country's 13 fields.

The Asian nation, whose area is 144,000 square km (90,000 square miles), has total proven gas reserves of 12 trillion cubic feet.

The country's new offer for oil and gas exploration would carry special incentives which would be explained at June seminars in Britain and the United States, the officials said.

Bangladesh planned to woo foreign companies by offering them favourable terms for production-sharing, they added.

The officials cited Bangladesh's controversial proposal last year for Bahamas-registered company Scimitar to explore and drill in the country's only established oilfield.

Widespread public protests followed the granting of a production-sharing contract to Scimitar for an area of 1,650 square km (1,030 square miles) at Haripur. The contract gave Scimitar exploration rights for eight years and the right to extract oil for another 17 years.

The protests said BOGMC had stopped oil extraction at Haripur following the protests.

"It does not make any sense to lease out a discovered field to a foreign company," one official said.

Oil discovery

TUNIS, April 17. (OPECNA): The Kuwait Foreign Petroleum Exploration Company has discovered quantities of oil in its concession area in Tunisia, according to oil industry sources.

They said the size of the find and its productive capacity had not been determined yet, adding that that experimental production from the field was currently estimated at 2,300 BPD.

The company is an affiliate of the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation (KPC).

Profits up

NEW YORK, April 17. (UPI): Profits of the big US oil companies rose nearly a third in 1988, thanks to near record-earnings from their refining and chemical operations, the American Petroleum Institute said Sunday.

The oil industry trade group said the 20 major oil companies had profits of \$19.3 billion, a 27.8 per cent increase over the \$15.1 billion earned in 1987.

Revenues rose 4.2 per cent to \$360.9 billion from \$346.5 billion, the API said in a statement.

Earnings from petroleum refining and marketing and from chemical operations doubled to \$8.9 billion in 1988, but were partially offset by a 36.5 per cent decline in earnings from crude oil production to \$8.3 billion, API said.

DETROIT, April 17. (Reuters): Svelte and speedy, the Ford Mustang took America by storm when it was unveiled at the New York World Fair 25 years ago.

The car still has plenty of allure — so much that its fans have forced Ford to keep producing it.

When the Mustang was introduced on April 17, 1964, one Chicago dealer closed his doors to hold back the crush of admirers. A Texas man slept in his new Mustang for fear it would be sold from under him before his cheque cleared the bank the following morning.

Slim and trim with its long nose, scooped sides and jaunty stub tail, the Mustang seemed to capture the optimism of the mid-1960s: America seemed indomitable, and dollar was strong, the economy booming and fuel cheap.

Cult
Racy enough for the sports buff but roomy enough for the family, the car developed a cult following almost immediately as 472 Mustang clubs with 32,000 members were formed

Package to stimulate investment

New US loans for Poland

WASHINGTON, April 17. (AP): US President George Bush is using an appearance before a Polish-American audience in the state of Michigan to announce an economic package to reward the Warsaw government for moving toward democracy.

Many of the concessions, which could total \$1 billion in new loans, loan rescheduling and trade and investment relief, will be tied to Poland's progress in achieving economic reforms, according to administration and international monetary sources.

The President was to unveil the package in a midday speech in Hamtramck, Michigan, a community with a heavily Polish-American population.

Administration officials, who declined to be identified, also said Bush may travel to Poland in July, immediately before or after the seven-nation economic summit in Paris.

Loans
The trip would underscore US support for Warsaw's landmark April 5 steps restoring the legal status of the union Solidarity and scheduling the first open elections in the communist-run country since 1988.

Bush will call for new loans to Poland from multinational lending organisations such as

the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, and for rescheduling of up to \$700 million in existing loans in an effort to help Poland make a dent in its \$39 billion international debt, the sources said.

His package also would call for a lowering of tariffs on selected Polish imports through the generalised system of preferences, a move that would require congressional approval.

This system of preferential tariffs traditionally is used by the US government to assist less-developed nations.

Bush was also to seek congressional approval for a programme of US-guaranteed loans, through the Overseas Private Investment Corp., to stimulate private investment in Poland, the sources said.

Promised

The economic aid package was being structured to provide the credits only if Poland presses forward with the political reforms it announced earlier this month, officials said.

Some of the proposed inducements also would be linked to future steps by Poland to liberalise its markets and make changes in its long-troubled economy, the sources said.

The April 5 agreement called for free elec-

tions in June, and for creation of a two-house parliament.

The newly created 100-member Senate would be the Eastern bloc's first freely elected legislative chamber. The government also promised to make 35 per cent of the seats of the existing 460-member Sejm elective. An elective post of president would become available in six years.

The government also conferred full legal status on the Roman Catholic Church in Poland.

Bush's package would further ease US economic sanctions imposed against Poland in 1981 and 1982 following declaration of martial law and the outlawing of Solidarity. Some of the original sanctions were lifted in 1987 after the Polish government moved toward reconciliation with the union.

US officials reacted positively to Poland's steps to grant its citizens more freedom.

White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater called the Polish movement toward new liberties "a historic step" and "a great day for the Polish people."

Bush visited Poland as vice-president in September 1987 during a nine-nation European tour.

Perez ready to act as host

Qatar to attend OPEC summit

DOHA, Qatar, April 17. (Agencies): The Amir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani yesterday accepted a Venezuelan proposal for the staging of a summit conference of the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

The Qatar News Agency, QNA, said Sheikh Khalifa sent a message to Venezuelan President Carlos Andres Perez "expressing his support for the idea of a summit conference of heads of state of OPEC member nations."

Since his election last year, Perez has been drumming up support, by visits to OPEC capitals and by messages to their leaders. The QNA said the summit would coincide with next year's 30th anniversary of the founding of the organisation.

Venezuelan envoys were in the Gulf capitals with fresh messages last week.

There has only been one such summit, in Algeria in 1975, since OPEC was founded. The venue for the proposed new summit has not been named, but Perez has offered to act as host.

Perez is seeking the adoption of a long-term policy to ensure co-operation among the 13 OPEC member states and avoid competition which depressed prices.

Objectives
QNA said Sheikh Khalifa agreed with these objectives and welcomed the invitation to visit Caracas at a future date.

Sheikh Khalifa's endorsement is expected to boost support for the idea among the other OPEC members in the Gulf.

The oil ministers of the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council are due to meet on April 26 to discuss the adoption of a joint oil policy. The council consists of Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

A GCC statistical report released Sunday said that GCC oil output in 1987 was 7.73 million barrels daily, representing 43.3 per cent of OPEC output and 13 per cent of global output.

Reserves
GCC oil reserves for the same year were estimated at 369.88 billion barrels, representing 41.6 per cent of 1987 estimated world oil reserves, the study said.

Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil producer, has since revised its



Sheikh Khalifa

reserves upward to 252.384 billion barrels.

The GCC study said the UAE moved from third to second place after Saudi Arabia because of new discoveries and revaluation of existing ones, jumping 197.3 per cent from 1986 to reach 98.1 billion barrels in 1987, or 11 per cent of world reserves.

Kuwait followed with 94.5 billion barrels, 10.6 per cent of the world total, while Qatar's reserves were only 3.1 billion barrels it said.

Venezuelan Energy and Mines Minister Dr Celestino Armas has said the forthcoming visits to Venezuela by delegations from Iraq, Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates will help strengthen relations among the four

OPEC countries. In remarks published in the daily "El Nacional" newspaper at the weekend, the minister said that UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan would visit Venezuela "some time this year."

He said apart from petroleum issues, which would be discussed during the visits, commercial ties would be worked out to help strengthen bilateral relations, among OPEC member countries.

Armas said OPEC countries had entered the second quarter on a "good footing" and while oil prices had firmed up, "we must closely observe developments" because at this time of the year, demand traditionally declined.

US likely to release \$230m in aid for Egypt

CAIRO, April 17. (Reuters): Western diplomats said today the United States was considering releasing \$230 million in blocked aid to Egypt.

Washington has withheld the cash for the past two years to try to prod President Hosni Mubarak into implementing domestic economic reforms.

"Washington is consulting with Congress on the details for the release of the blocked aid," one diplomat said.

Mubarak visited Washington earlier this month and the US administration agreed to consider releasing the money, he said.

Egypt is involved in drawn-out negotiations with the International Monetary Fund over a new standby credit programme. The IMF, like the United States, wants Egypt to move towards a free-market economy and drop state subsidies on food and power.

Reforms
Mubarak launched a new round of reforms this month, raising the prices of electricity and some oil products by 30 to 40 per cent in a move long urged by the US government and the world bank.

But, mindful of the social unrest which swept the country in the so-called bread riots of 1977, he has resisted swift cuts in subsidies or rapid price rises.

Direct subsidies cost the government about two billion pounds (\$800 million) a year, or 20 per cent of the state budget, but hidden subsidies cost several billion more.

Sources at the trade ministry said Washington had agreed to resume lending to Egypt to buy wheat and other farm products. Credits had been withheld under a loan guarantee programme after Egypt failed to make repayments, they said.

A loan of \$150 million for farm products was finally approved after Egypt agreed to pay it back over three years at commercial interest rates, the sources said.

\$700m bail bond set for Milken

NEW YORK, April 17. (Reuters): Junk bond king Michael Milken was ordered on Friday to post a \$700 million bond and pay \$1 million bail following his 98-count indictment on charges of racketeering and securities fraud.

The bond is intended to ensure that the assets of Milken, 42, credited with virtually inventing the market in junk bonds, will be available for forfeiture if he is convicted of racketeering. The bail is to ensure that he turns up at court and does not flee the United States.

The former head of the junk bond department of the Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc Investment Bank is estimated to have made a fortune between \$500 million and \$1 billion.

Accused
Junk bonds are high-yield securities offering high returns but a higher risk than investment-grade bonds.

Milken, his brother Lowell and former Drexel trader Bruce Newberg are accused of participating in a racketeering group through which they allegedly engaged in unlawful securities trading, corporate finance transactions and merger and acquisition activities.

Dollar drifts down

Gold sinks

LONDON, April 17. (Reuters): The dollar traded sharply lower in Europe today after a batch of US statistics on Friday indicated the growth of the world's biggest economy was slowing.

Dealers said the currency would probably hold in a fairly tight range until the US consumer price index (CPI) for March was released on Tuesday.

"The CPI is either going to confirm indications of a slowing economy or sow the seeds of doubt," said one senior US bank dealer in London. "Until then people will probably hold back."

Investors are looking for signs of inflationary trends which hold the key to interest rate movements.

Friday's US figures showed the producer price index, the measure of wholesale prices at the factory gate, rose by a smaller amount than the market had been expecting, thereby easing pressure for higher rates to combat inflation.

Speculation
The West German mark was also firmer because of lingering speculation that major changes are likely to modify a controversial 10-per cent withholding tax.

The Bonn government will announce its decisions on the withholding tax on April 27 and dealers said the mark would probably stay firm until then.

"Everybody is waiting for April 27 to see what happens to the tax," said one trader. "It

makes a change from waiting for another set of US figures."

Today the leading party in the West German coalition government said it had proposed easing the burden of the withholding tax for low earners.

By midday the dollar had come back from early morning lows against the mark but at 1.8570 marks was still well down on last week's close of 1.8690.

Dollar weakness against the yen was less pronounced due to the continuing burden of the Recruit share scandal on the Japanese currency, dealers said. The dollar stood around 131.70 yen at Europe's midday against Friday's close of 132.10.

In stock markets, London shares got off to a firm start after strong Wall Street gains on Friday. But by midday the FTSE index of 100 leading shares had dropped back to stand 3.3 points higher at 2,056.9.

Reaction
British financial markets showed little reaction to news the country's retail sales were unchanged in March while industrial output dropped slightly in February.

West German shares traded higher in Frankfurt as pressure for higher world interest rates eased, dealers said. French shares were firmer and dealers in Paris said the CAC general index could reach a new all-time high during the day.

Earlier in Tokyo, shares fini-

shed higher with individuals continuing as the main support behind the buying, dealers said.

The Nikkei average gained 157.89 points, or 0.48 per cent, to end at 33,308.33.

Gold bullion was fixed at \$385.15 an ounce during quiet morning business in London after ending Friday at 386.50.

"Gold is in a bearish mood at the moment," one London dealer commented. "There is a lack of faith in the market after its recent dismal performance."

Oil prices were static after having moved up in New York on Friday night, dealers said. The most widely traded crude, North Sea Brent blend, was quoted around \$18.65 a barrel for June delivery against \$18.30 at the same time on Friday.

In London the benchmark US treasury 30-year bond was quoted around 99-9/32 per cent, yielding 9.07 per cent.

Tokyo share prices rose in slow trading today after a batch of US data released on Friday pointed towards a slowdown in the US economy.

The Nikkei share index gained 157.89 points, or 0.48 per cent, to end at 33,308.33 mostly on buying by individuals. Institutions are mostly staying on the sidelines, brokers said.

On the currency market, the US dollar closed easier on speculative dollar sales, triggered by last Friday's economic figures, dealers said.

Nuclear power crucial to energy needs: experts

TOKYO, April 17. (AP): Nuclear energy experts from many countries said at an international gathering in Tokyo today that all realistic plans to meet the energy needs of the 21st century rely on increasing production of nuclear power, despite the concerns of those who say nuclear energy is unsafe.

The experts were attending a symposium of the nuclear energy agency of the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development.

Sweden's Dr Hans Blix, director general of the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency, said "at the present time we cannot see any other large-scale economically viable source of energy which is as environmentally benign as nuclear power."

A revival of nuclear power, Blix said, could contribute to economic development in the industrialised Western countries, in the Soviet bloc and in the Third World.

The media in all countries gave "the impression that nuclear power is on the way out, because of concerns about safety, radioactive waste disposal and the risk of proliferation of nuclear weapons. But we know that this image is not correct," he said.

Predicted

He predicted that several thousand nuclear power reactors would be operating in the world by the second decade of the 21st century, compared with about 430 plants at the beginning of this year.

Charles F. Jones, head of the US Nuclear Utility Service Corp., said nuclear power must bear the burden of "completely unrelated and extraneous causes, as groups with ideological, social or environmental causes have found (it) to be a convenient vehicle to carry their message to the public."

"It is possible to accept the challenges that come with tech-

nical problems, organisational barriers, and legitimate concerns over safety and the environment, but a fraudulent use of the democratic process and the free press for political gain is a difficult burden. Unfortunately, that burden is part and parcel of our nuclear legacy," Jones said.

Remy Carle, deputy general manager of the French power monopoly Electricite de France, said, "We in France, like our counterparts in Japan and other countries, are not ready to turn our backs on an energy resource that is so indispensable to our energy supply and so vital to keeping our energies competitive."

"Transforming hostility or resignation into support is a difficult task indeed, particularly in the face of those working to spread rumours and instil doubts, brandishing the spectre of Chernobyl," Carle said, referring to the explosion and fire at a Soviet nuclear power plant in 1986.

Plan to slash budget deficit Jordan raises taxes

AMMAN, Jordan, April 17. (AP): The government Sunday announced steep tax and price rises on items ranging from alcohol to telephone calls as part of an economic reconstruction programme for the financially troubled kingdom.

The increases, announced by the official Jordan news agency, cover prices on government-imported goods as well as taxes on privately imported items.

Under an agreement with the International Monetary Fund announced Friday, Jordan plans to slash its chronic budget deficit to help cure a mounting debt crisis.

The agreement paves the way for Jordan to seek rescheduling for refinancing of its \$6 billion debt. It has already fallen behind on some of the \$1.2 billion repayments scheduled for this year.

The increases do not affect subsidies on bread, milk, rice and other staple products, which the

government has promised to maintain.

The price of regular gasoline was raised by 25 per cent, to 220 fils (41 cents) a litre from 180 fils (33 cents). Aircraft fuel will cost 800 fils (\$1.48) a litre instead of 650 fils (\$1.20).

Raised
The tax on alcoholic drinks was raised from 20 to 50 per cent for imported beverages and to 40 per cent for locally produced drinks.

A 12.5-kilogramme bottle of cooking gas will cost 2 dinars (\$3.70) up from 1.80 dinars (\$3.33).

The price of imported cigarettes went up by 30 per cent, from 650 fils (\$1.20) to 850 fils (\$1.57).

The cost of international telephone calls and annual telephone rental fees went up 10 per cent.

The government also said it was raising annual road fuel licence but it did not say by how much.

NBAD rebounds into profit

ABU DHABI, April 17. (Reuters): Abu Dhabi's major bank, the National Bank of Abu Dhabi (NBAD), rebounded into profit last year after heavy losses in 1987 due to large provisions against bad loans.

An NBAD spokesman said it made net profits of \$6.6 million (dirhams) (\$23.5 million) in 1988 after losses of \$141 million (\$38.4 million) the previous year.

"We expect that provisioning requirements will be considerably lower in future years," the spokesman quoted bank chairman Mohammed Habroush Al Suweidi as saying.

In the past few years, the bank had built up a fund against bad loans of over one million dirhams (\$272 million), he said. Provisions for bad loans fell to 98.77 million dirhams (\$26.9 million) in 1988 from 233.8 million (\$63.7 million) in 1987.

Assets in calendar 1988 rose to 24.6 billion dirhams (\$6.7 billion) from 19.9 billion (\$5.4 billion) in 1987.

Fuel economy rules expected for cars

NEW YORK, April 17. (AP): In a move that would reverse recent policies, US President George Bush's administration is expected to announce stricter fuel efficiency rules for 1990 automobiles, the New York Times reported.

The Times reported in its editions Saturday that Transportation Secretary Samuel K. Skinner has decided that automakers should be required to attain an average fuel consumption of 27.5 miles (44.25 kilometres) per gallon in all cars they manufacture. The current standard is 26.5 miles (42.6 kilometres) per gallon.

Former President Ronald Reagan's administration had proposed repealing the fuel economy requirements, which were first imposed during the 1974 oil shortage.

Although US automakers would not welcome the proposed new fuel-efficiency rule, it was not expected to have a drastic effect on them, the newspaper reported.

Foreign cars imported into the United States also would have to meet the standards. Most foreign cars have no trouble meeting the standard, but some manufacturers of cars, like the

Jaguar, Mercedes Benz and Porsche, have not always met the standard and have had to pay penalties to the government.

It is too late to change the design of 1990 model cars, but the US automobile industry probably will meet the new requirements by selling more of the smaller fuel-efficient cars, the Times said.

Since the standards would apply to the average mileage of all vehicles made by one company, automakers likely would provide rebates and incentives to lure buyers to smaller, high-efficiency cars.

Companies would be allowed to fall short of the fuel goal in one year any penalties if they exceed the standard the next year.

The Times reported that the stricter 1990 standard does not mean that the Bush administration intends to impose even higher standards in later years.

Unidentified officials told the Times that Skinner was mindful of energy production in making his decision. Automobiles burn about 30 per cent of all the oil used in the United States and fuel-efficient cars have long been seen as a tool of conservation.

Ford Mustang celebrates 25th anniversary

in just 2-1/2 years.

To celebrate the car's 25th anniversary, an official birthday party will be held at Ford's assembly plant at Dearborn, Michigan, today.

Many of the clubs have organised events including an American pony drive, a cross-country tour of nearly 40 vintage Mustangs from Jacksonville, Florida, to Baltimore via Los Angeles.

"It was the greatest, an amazing car. You could get a dollar's worth of gas. You'd fill up the car and you were ready to go," said David Osterman, who bought his first Mustang with his elder brother when he was 16.

"We spent a lot of time just driving around in these days. That was our entertainment."

The Mustang broke records in its first year: 417,000 cars were sold. To date Ford has put 5.7 million on the road, a company spokesman said.

At a base price of \$2,368 in 1964, the Mustang offered a six-cylinder engine and three-speed transmission as standard features.

Chevrolet's Corvair Monza or Chrysler's Barracuda, priced in the \$5,000 range, couldn't touch it.

The Mustang was the brainchild of Lee Iacocca, then the 36-year-old general manager of Ford division who wanted to leave his mark on the unit, which produced 80 per cent of the company's cars, according to his biographer David Abodader.

Essence
Timing was the essence in unveiling the car, said Iacocca in a prepared statement to celebrate the car's silver anniversary. "Mustang pushed all the right buttons for the customer."

"We'd been told it would be for the new baby-boomer group, to be their first car — large enough for a small family and an image these young people would be looking for, be excited about," said Gale Halderman, who helped design the Mustang.

At the same time, the car discovered another market — the 40 to 50-year-olds. "It was outrageous. It shocked the neighbours," one enthusiast said.

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Minister to visit Kuwait

Bulgaria seeks to boost trade ties with Gulf

ABU DHABI, April 17, (KUNA): Bulgaria has started foreign contacts to open new markets for its products and to boost trade exchange and joint investments with various countries in line with the Eastern bloc countries' policy of perestroika.

Bulgarian Deputy Foreign Economic Relations Minister Istifan Polindacov told KUNA in an interview here yesterday that he was explaining to the UAE officials during his current visit here available facilities in Sofia.

He explained that various economic bodies were given greater freedoms to hold direct contacts and establish commercial and investment ties.

Polindacov said that new laws allow

capitals and revenues of joint investment projects to move in and out of the country and added that those companies enjoy five years of tax-free period following their establishment.

He underlined that negotiations have begun with German, French, Austrian and Lebanese firms to launch ventures in Bulgaria that depend on raw materials available within and outside the country.

The Bulgarian official cited his country's mountainous regions and beaches as major tourist attractions, affirming that eight million tourists visited Bulgaria in 1988.

He noted that health care is another area of co-operation with foreign countries in

the form of building hospitals in or outside Bulgaria as joint ventures.

The Bulgarian official underscored that volume of commercial exchanges between his country and the world nations amounted to \$28 billion in 1988 of which \$2 billion were transactions with the Arab states.

Bulgarian exports to the Arab countries last year totalled \$1.6 billion topped by chemicals, minerals, machines, live animals, meat, canned food, cheese, clothes and cigarettes, he elaborated.

Iraq, Algeria, Libya, Syria, Tunisia, Kuwait, UAE, Egypt and Jordan top the list of Arab countries trading with Bulgaria, he said, adding that his country's main import item from the Arab region

was crude oil but at present it also imports textiles, foodstuff specially dates and re-exported electronic appliances.

Polindacov predicted a surge in Gulf-Bulgarian trade ties by 10 to 15 per cent this year and double current percentage in the coming ten years.

He hoped that other agreements to enhance economic and commercial relations will be signed with the emirates to be added to the sole accord on air traffic.

The Bulgarian official, who is scheduled to visit Kuwait as well, said that he had fruitful talks with the UAE officials and affirmed importance of exchange of visits to probe opportunities of joint co-operation.

India ready to hold talks with Nepal

NEW DELHI, India, April 17, (AP): Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi declared yesterday that his nation was open to talks with Nepal after India halted trade on March 19 with the Himalayan kingdom, reports said.

The trade stoppage came after treaties on trade and transit between the two countries expired, leading to shortages and rationing in the land-locked Himalayan kingdom of Nepal.

"It was with a very sad heart that we had to take a strong position," Gandhi said, but conditions imposed by Nepal ran contrary to their friendship treaty, United News of India reported.

Gandhi spoke with reporters in northern Himachal Pradesh state before returning to Delhi after a five-day tour of the region, UNI said.

India had closed 13 of 15 trade points on the 1,750-kilometre (1,095-mile) border shared with Nepal, sparking the severe shortages in Nepal, especially of petroleum which is largely supplied by India.

Relations between the neighbours have been guided by a treaty of friendship signed in 1950. Under the treaty, Nepalese did not require special permits to stay or work inside India. Indians in Nepal received reciprocal treatment and Indians visiting the country did not require visas.

According to UNI, Prime Minister Gandhi said Nepal has refused special work permits to Indians and had imposed special taxes on Indian goods, making them non-competitive, against the terms of the treaty.

"These measures by the Nepalese government are totally against the treaty," Gandhi said. The two countries have failed to agree on new treaties.

Their relations soured earlier this year after Nepal bought unspecified arms from China and offered better trade terms to Beijing and other nations.

According to UNI, when asked if he thought China was inciting Nepal to terminate its special relations with India, Gandhi said, "I do not think so," but "we must sit down and talk."

UK firm plans project in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, April 17, (AP): The Tioxide PLC Group, based in London, plans to build a \$183-million titanium dioxide pigment plant in September, an official said today.

Deputy Trengganu State Secretary Mazlan Hashim said the plant would be built in Kemaman, 350 kilometres (210 miles) northeast of Kuala Lumpur.

A team of company officials planned to brief the state executive council on the project next week. He told the National News Agency Bernama.

Lower tax on capital gains needed
White House defends budget agreement

WASHINGTON, April 17, (Reuters): White House officials said on Sunday, a budget agreement reached with congressional leaders last week was a workable deficit-reduction plan but that a lower tax on capital gains was also needed.

Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady, in a television interview, said there was "plenty of work to be done" to find \$5.3 billion that the agreement says will be raised from unspecified changes in the tax laws.

"This figure of \$5.3 billion is a goal which both the administration and the Congress are going to have to work on," Brady said.

The Treasury chief said the Bush administration would not propose higher energy taxes but still felt a lower tax on capital gains — such as profits on share sales — was the best way to create jobs, stimulate business and so bring in more tax revenues.

Lower

Democrats like Senate Budget Committee chairman Jim Sasser have said a lower capital gains tax has "two chances of passing — slim and none" in the Democrat-controlled Congress.

Sasser said in a television interview that reducing taxes on capital gains would be "an additional tax break for upper-income taxpayers and breaks the faith with the 1986 tax reform bill" that overhauled income-tax laws and reduced tax breaks.

President Bush and congressional leaders, gathered in the White House Rose Garden, announced on Friday agreement on a budget package designed to cut the deficit in the 1990 financial year, which begins on October 1, to \$99.4 billion.

The deal is aimed at avoiding automatic spending cuts that would be required by a deficit-reduction law if the 1990 deficit exceeds \$100 billion.

The agreement also preserves Bush's election-campaign promise of "no new taxes," but



Nicholas Brady

Senate majority leader George Mitchell, a Democrat, said at the weekend it would mean tax rises next year.

Senate Finance Committee chairman Lloyd Bentsen, who did not attend the Rose Garden ceremony, criticised the pact on Friday, saying it provided only marginal deficit reduction based on "wildly optimistic" predictions about the economy.

But White House Chief of Staff John Sununu, in a television interview on Sunday, said the proposed reduction in the deficit from about \$165 billion this year was significant.

Sasser said the budget pact was "a minimalist agreement ... but

the importance of it is, it sets, I think, the stage for some significant deficit reductions in 1991" and later years, though that likely would require revenue rises.

White House Budget director Richard Darman, in a separate television interview, said the agreement represented major progress and predicted lower capital gains taxes eventually would gain favour.

"I think those chances are going to rise over the next few months, and I think...we all might be pleasantly surprised to see a little more interest in encouraging long-term investment," Darman said.

\$470m settlement for victims denounced

India flayed

BHOPAL, India, April 17, (AP): About 3,000 women who survived the 1984 Bhopal poison gas disaster denounced a convention yesterday with a resolution denouncing a \$470-million settlement for the victims.

The settlement reached by the government and Union Carbide Corp. was "totally unacceptable," said the resolution passed at the end of the convention organised by the Bhopal Women Gas Victims Organisation.

The two-day convention also was attended by lawyers and members of opposition parties.

The government says more than 3,400 people died and at least 20,000 were injured when methyl isocyanate gas leaked on Dec 2, 1984, from a pesticide plant run by an Indian subsidiary of US-based Union Carbide.

The resolution contended the government deliberately underestimated the casualty figures and

the magnitude of economic, social and health damage caused by the disaster.

The organisation contended the government wanted to reduce Union Carbide's liability in the disaster. Opposition parties and several newspapers have accused the government of "selling out" to the US-based company.

The government originally sued Union Carbide for \$3 billion, but on Feb 3, it reached a Supreme Court-supervised settlement with the company and agreed to accept \$470 million for the victims.

A special law passed by parliament allowed the government to become the sole representative of more than 500,000 people who claimed they were harmed by the gas.

The women's organization also demanded that the government confiscate "all Indian assets of Union Carbide" and enforce a law to "safeguard the safety and right to life of Indian citizens."

It is highly lamentable: Aridjis

N. power plant opening angers anti-nuclear groups

MEXICO CITY, April 17, (UPI): Anti-nuclear groups reacted on Saturday with anger and a sense of hopelessness to the government's sudden start-up of the Laguna Verde nuclear power plant, Mexico's first atom-run electrical generator.

"This is totally irresponsible. It is highly lamentable that they are starting it up against all prudence," said poet Homero Aridjis who heads the environmental group of 100 in Mexico City.

"It caught us by surprise, yes and no. By now we are used to the government's surprises. They chose a Friday to take advantage of the weekend and they're doing it now to avoid trouble when the anniversary of the Chernobyl accident comes up at the end of the month," he told United Press International.

"They're not even ready for this yet," said Aridjis. "They said so themselves in February when they announced that because of problems it would be at least months before they could start it up."

On Friday, the director of the Federal Electricity Commission announced that for the first time the plant was sending vapour produced by nuclear fission through its turbines, and was hooked up

to the national electricity system.

The Laguna Verde plant, Mexico's first nuclear plant, located in the state of Veracruz, some 180 miles (289 km) east of the capital, has been charging up since October, 1988, but had not started full use of nuclear energy until now.

Accidents

The government admitted on Friday there have been some accidents "of no consequence" since the reactor started charging up and that four workers have suffered harmless radiation contamination.

"We really were not expecting this," said Martha Ovalle, with the Mothers of Veracruz anti-nuclear group. "Yes we knew that the director of the CFE and the governor were going on a tour of the plant, but we never thought they were going to start it up," she said in a telephone interview.

"We are very sad. We believed somehow that they were never going to be able to get it going, or for a good while at least. That they were having too many problems. But I guess we could not expect anything else...all our hopes had been dashed already," said Ovalle.

The Mothers of Veracruz group began fighting Laguna Verde — a project that has been in the making in Mexico for 17 years — two and a half years ago.

She said that her group has sent various letters to the new Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari, which were never answered. "This was our response," she said.

Ovalle said the start-up of the plant came now, a week before Salinas is scheduled to travel to Veracruz, "so that he would find us totally dependent. So that we wouldn't bother him. I think that was the idea."

She explained that her group, with some 1,000 supporters, had decided not to organise protest marches anymore. We saw that we had achieved absolutely nothing. That no one takes the people into consideration," she said.

Blow

A heavy blow was dealt to the anti-nuclear movement when the government went ahead with charging the plant last year, said Ovalle.

"The people here were very disappointed. Women who were with us who used to put red ribbons on the doors of their

houses stopped doing so... for the first time the people of Veracruz, a lively, joyful people, had gone out on the streets to fight for their rights, and it was all to no avail."

For Jacinto Vaqueiro, an adviser to the Ecologists Pact group who worked for 30 years in the state electricity department and took part in designing Laguna Verde before becoming an anti-nuclear supporter, Friday's move was no surprise.

"I actually expected this sooner," the expert told UPI.

While insisting that "it can always be done" Viqueira said that the start up of the plant using nuclear-generated vapour made it very hard to convert it into a conventional energy plant, something environmentalists have been fighting for.

"There are very few possibilities to do anything now," said Viqueira.

Ovalle had "no idea" about what her group was going to do to protest the new measure. "But we'll get our spirits up somehow," she said. "We'll organise a demonstration for the President's visit. That will be a chance for us to make some noise."

Police launch inquiry in massive wine fraud

AGEN, France, April 17, (Reuters): Eleven people have been charged in a massive fraud involving some of France's finest wines in a scandal threatening the reputation of the industry.

A former cabinet minister's niece was being interrogated as police continued a three-month inquiry into doctoring and excess production of vintage Bordeaux wine.

Up to 1.5 million bottles of the country's better-known wines could be involved.

Twenty-five people have been questioned by an examining magistrate since Thursday and judicial sources said 11 had been charged with contravening quality control laws. Three were in police custody.

A police operation involving 120 officers found that producers of some of the region's finest wines were bottling more vintage wine than they were allowed.

Others were doctoring vintage French wines with cheaper ones from Spain and other parts of France.

Production of vintage wines or "Grands Crus" is limited by law to maintain standards and because of modern techniques growers often produce double

the amount they can sell.

The surplus is supposed to be sold as table wines or turned into industrial alcohol, a process growers do not like because of the huge financial loss compared to the profits that can be made on the sale of a bottle of vintage wine.

The wine industry, regarded as a national heritage in France, has suffered scandals over quality in the past. A scandal over fake wine hit the same Bordeaux region in 1984.

The latest affair has surfaced just as foreign investors were showing growing interest in acquiring France's prestigious Chateaux, a move in the past resisted by the government.

The Japanese wine and spirits group Suntory owns the Bordeaux Grand Cru estate of Chateau Lagrange and the British group Allied Lyons PLC is trying to buy Chateau Latour.

Sales of Bordeaux wine, which declined three per cent by volume and 14 per cent in value over a nine-month period in 1986, recovered in 1988 thanks to a growing market in Japan.

Investigators are concentrating on suspected syndicates using stolen labels to adorn the excess

wines which are then sold to restaurants as Grands Crus.

The judicial sources said those charged and placed in police custody included Michel Barbe, 38, head of a wine dealership in the southwestern town of Villeneuve-sur-lot.

His wife, Elisabeth De La Roche Marec, daughter of a leading producer of Muscadet and niece of former Civil Service Minister Hervé de Charette, was being interrogated by the magistrate.

Also charged are Barbe's associate Patrick Geneste, wine merchant Henri de Dietrich, his accountant Pascal Ceuanglo and Xavier Brugere, a member of a wine growers association.

The investigations began in January when police in Villeneuve-sur-lot arrested a lorry driver transporting an illegal load of wine.

Police say specially adapted lorries were used to transport the excess wines from secret vats.

The wines, including some of the region's best known names like Saint Emilion, Montbazillac, Bergerac and Cahors, were correctly labelled and buyers had no idea they were illegal.

Ailing economy to get a boost

Vietnam signs oil exploration contract

BANGKOK, April 17, (UPI): Vietnam has signed its fifth oil exploration and production contract with a foreign company under the country's new foreign investment law, a Vietnam News Agency report said today.

A contract on oil exploration and exploitation was signed at the government guest house (on April 15) by the Vietnamese National Oil and Gas Company (Petrovietnam) and a French-British corporation, Company Europe Pimyochem (CEP) and Enterprise Oil, the Vietnam News Agency (VNA) said in a report received today.

The agreement is the fifth product-sharing contract on oil exploration and exploitation signed with foreign companies since a new law on foreign investment was promulgated by the Vietnamese national assembly early last year.

Capital

The investment law was enacted to attract foreign capital which the Vietnamese hope will save the country's ailing economy which has been nearly bankrupted by the communist government's inept economic policies, resulting in extensive unemployment, inflation between 700-1,000 per cent, and a soaring crime rate.

Under the 25-year agreement, CEP and enterprise Oil must supply all the investment capital and shoulder all risks during the geo-physical and geological surveys, exploratory drilling, and the final exploitation of any oil found in a 3,475 square-mile area (9,000 sq. km) off the coast of southern Vietnam, the report said.

The corporation is to spend \$60 million in the first five years, VNA said.

"If oil is found it will continue to invest money and technology to expand exploitation, and will retrieve its capital and share profits according to normal international practice and on the principle of mutual benefit," the news agency said.

Officials of the US oil companies Unocal 76 and Sunoco visited Vietnam recently to investigate the possibility of signing exploration contracts.

American companies, however, are prevented by the Trading with the Enemy Act from doing business in Vietnam.

Hydrocarbons India Ltd was the first petroleum company to begin searching for oil under the new foreign investment law and is exploring a 3,861 square-mile area (10,000 sq km) off the coast of south Vietnam.

Contractor

A joint Dutch-Belgium company, Shell Vina, followed and is searching for oil on the continental shelf off central Vietnam.

The French oil contractor Hutoil is exploring off the coast of north Vietnam.

British Petroleum signed a \$60 million 25-year contract with Petrovietnam in February.

The "Soviet-Vietnamese" joint venture, Vietsoptero, has been drilling oil at the Bach To (White Tiger) field off the coast of south Vietnam since 1981.

Protesters demand better pay

Teachers threaten strike

MEXICO CITY, April 17, (AP): On the eve of a strike planned today by dissident public school teachers in Mexico, Education Department chief Manuel Bartlett Diaz encouraged instructors think of the students.

"Let us fulfil our responsibilities to maintain normal service, without affecting the education of children," Bartlett Diaz said in a statement released late Sunday.

The statement was issued after dissident leaders of the National Teachers' Union said they would go on indefinite strike today, shutting down hundreds of public schools in the capital and in many states nationwide to demand better pay.

Salaries

The government last week announced raises of 10 per cent in salaries and about 18 per cent in benefits, effective May 15. But some locals of the dissident national schoolteachers strike rejected the offer. Teachers originally had demanded 100 per cent increases.

Teachers earned about \$150 a month before the government raise, which went into effect Friday.

The National Schoolteachers Co-ordinate is a dissident wing that claims about half the 1 million members of the National Education Workers' Union.

Teodoro Palomino, a top leader of the co-ordinate, told the Associated Press on Saturday that he estimated about 95 per cent of the 250,000 teachers in Mexico City would strike. Dissidents in nearly half the country's 31 states are expected to join them, he said.

About 2.3 million children attend public schools in the capital, according to government data.

The Mexico City daily Excelsior on Sunday said dissident teachers in union sections in the states of Jalisco, Nuevo Leon, Tamaulipas, Quintana Roo, Guanajuato, Coahuila, Zacatecas, Oaxaca, Sinaloa, Guerrero and Chiapas have agreed to participate in the walkout.

Iraq to finalise deal

Buyback pact beneficial to India

NEW DELHI, April 17, (KUNA): India has made bid for expansion of fertiliser complex in Al-Kaim in Iraq at an estimated cost of over \$400 million with buyback arrangement with the host nation.

The bid covers creation of additional capacities of 2.1 million tonnes of sulphuric acid, 64,000 tonnes of phosphoric acid and 34,000 tonnes of table salt powder.

According to the chairman and managing director of Indian Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertiliser (RCF) R. Venkatesan, the company has already submitted technical bid.

Iraq is keen to finalise the deal with India in view of the assured market. The buyback arrangement will be beneficial to India in terms of price. However, Indian engineers will gain experience.

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EVENTS

Two weeks in Africa: journey of a lifetime

By Diane Diaz
Arab Times staff

WHEN Terry Howard, a 29-year-old biology teacher at the American School of Kuwait, decided to arrange a field trip for his students, he didn't stick to convention.

Instead of a typical day-long outing to a museum or zoo, the adventurous Howard put together a two-week trip that took his students across the Indian Ocean to the wilds of East Africa.

On March 15, with their bags packed and their spirits high, the 13 high students and six adults braved the fierce sand storm that temporarily closed Kuwait's International Airport and took off on a journey of a lifetime.

During their 15 days in Africa they would cover more than 1,000 miles overland, from the metropolis of Nairobi, Kenya across dry savannas and small townships into Tanzania and beyond. At least 66 of those miles would be on foot — and half of those would be almost completely vertical — as the group tromped toward the apex of Mt Kilimanjaro.

"It wasn't what we expected," said Amal Shehata, 17, a junior at ASK. "It was highly misleading. I thought it would be a lot easier than it was."

A week back from their journey and eager to tell about their adventures, the American School students crowded into Howard's classroom and rattled off tales of physical duress, freezing temperatures, and innumerable practical jokes.

As one student would launch into a story of falling asleep in his tracks another would join in with the details of how they used any excuse just to stop and rest every few feet.

"I thought it would be like walking down a street for an extended period," one student reminisced. "But it was hard. All I wanted to do was to go to sleep, it was really very trying and tiring."

Tackling Africa's highest mountain (19,340 ft.) — the same peak immortalised by Ernest Hemingway's famous short story "The Snows of Kilimanjaro" — proved to be an insurmountable challenge for the pack of students with no previous mountaineering experience.

But the young biology buffs, sophomores, juniors and seniors alike — joined forces to help each other make it through the formidable days of steep climbing and the long, cold nights of sleeping in ill-equipped wooden huts.

Prejudices broken down and vanity thrown to the wind, the ASK students learned to share everything they had with one another — from tidbits of food to morale boosting encouragement.

ment. "There was no selfishness," recalled Tariq Al Mutawa, 17, the only Kuwaiti student in the group. "Everybody was physically helping each other, everybody sharing."

"You didn't care about how you looked," said Yasmin Siddiqui, an 18-year-old senior. "The basic worry is survival," another student chimed in.

Through dizzy spells and altitude sickness, beyond freezing temperatures and lack of facilities, the students developed an appreciation for their environment and experience.

"You'd stop and listen. There was complete silence. And you're touched. You get really emotional," one young man said.

Though none of the students made it all the way to the top, the school's principal Don Holt felt it was his duty to keep on going.

"I couldn't let our group get blitzed by this," Holt said, in explaining his motivation to reach the top. "I had to keep going or it would be a defeat for the whole group."

Holt, his wife and one of the parents in the group left the students behind and struggled on to Gilman's Point at 18,640 feet. They arrived too late in the day to forge on to the very top, the elusive Uhuru peak.

But it was a triumph all the same, the rest of the group having given up somewhere between Kibo Hut at 15,450 feet and the makeshift rest stop at 17,500 feet.

With the conquest of Kilimanjaro under their belts, the group stomped down the mountain, and headed off for safari country, the pristine game reserves of northern Tanzania.

They travelled in a caravan of minibuses across hundreds of miles of horrendous dirt tracks that passed as highways. During the five-day safari, their guides ushered them through Lake Manyara National Park — famous for its prolific birdlife and its treeclimbing lions — Ngorongoro Conservation Area and the famed Serengeti National Park.

At Ngorongoro Crater, their vehicles lurched and whined down the steep, rocky mountain road until they were 2,000 feet from the crater rim and stopped at a completely self-sustaining ecosystem.

The road from the crater to the Serengeti took them over lush green hills and through deep valleys that serve as prime farmland for Masai tribespeople, their mud huts and flocks of sheep visible intermittently in the distance.

Then the vast expanse of the Serengeti plains opened up,



Student group at Karen Blixen museum. From left to right (bottom row): Amel Shehata, Nader Obeid, Aleem Zakaria, Joe Santulli, Khurram Mozaffar, Yasmin Siddiqui. Middle row: Dina Younis, Suzy Abdel Hameed, Rawan Hussein, Tariq Al Mutawa. Top row: Rasha Bahool, Aida Al Hussaini, and Soo Park.

showing off hundreds of thousands of wildebeest on their annual migration along with scores of other animals.

Aside from learning about various species of wildlife and birds, and developing an appreciation of nature, the students found they had come away with altogether unexpected insights into themselves.

The group that started off as a mishmash of kids from different grades, classrooms and cliques grew into a tight-knit bond by the shared experience of two weeks on the road in Africa.

"We really learned more from each other, than from what we saw," one student explained.

The adults on the trip called it a complete success. The school principal is even thinking about making it an annual field trip.

For the students who may sign up for the trip in years to come, the seasoned youngsters from this group have just a small, but crucial, bit of advice: "Don't feed the birds."



Part of the group at Horombo Hut, 12,000 ft. with Mount Kibo in the distance. From left to right: Nader Obeid, Khurram Mozaffar, Aleem Zakaria and Tariq Al Mutawa.

RADIO PROGRAMMES

BBC World Services

- 0600 Newswatch
- 30 Megamix
- 0100 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 25 Financial News
- 30 Short Story
- 45 Europe's World
- 0200 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 Network UK
- 30 Sports International
- 0300 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 The World Today
- 30 John Peel
- 0400 Newswatch
- 30 The Learning World
- 45 New Ideas
- 55 Book Choice
- 0500 World News
- 09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Financial News
- 40 Words of Faith
- 45 The World Today
- 0600 Newswatch
- 30 Askers Away (ex 4th The Beeb's Lost Beatles Tapes)
- 0700 World News
- 09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Europe's World
- 45 Network UK
- 0800 World News
- 09 Words of Faith
- 15 Teach Talk
- 30 Music
- 0900 World News
- 09 British Press Review
- 15 The World Today
- 30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup
- 45 Chopin Collection
- 1000 News Summary followed by Discovery
- 30 Sports International
- 1100 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Waveguide
- 25 Book Choice
- 30 Megamix
- 1200 Newswatch
- 15 Multitrack 1: Top 20
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1300 World News
- 09 Twenty-four Hours: News Summary
- 30 Network UK

FM Services

- 45 Singh Gospel
- 1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News
- 45 Chopin Collection
- 1500 Newswatch
- 15 A Jolly Good Show
- 1600 World News
- 09 News about Britain
- 15 Omnibus
- 45 The World Today
- 1700 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Music
- 45 Sports Roundup
- 1800 Newswatch
- 30 Discovery
- 1900 News Summary followed by Outlook
- 25 Financial News
- 30 Development 79
- 2000 World News
- 09 The World Today
- 25 Words of Faith
- 30 Mendians
- 2100 News Summary followed by Sports Roundup
- 15 Business Matters
- 30 Megamix
- 2200 Newswatch
- 2300 World News
- 09 Commentary
- 15 Concert Hall

English

- MORNING
- 0800 Opening
- 0802 Songs and Music
- 0805 Thoughts in Islam
- 0830 News in English
- 0840 Songs and Music
- 0915 Daily Programme
- 0930 They Sold a Million
- 1000 Our Press Today
- 1005 Songs and Music
- 1030 Country Collection
- 1100 Closedown
- EVENING
- 2100 Opening
- 2102 In the Latin Mood
- 2130 News
- 2145 Point of View
- 2155 Songs and Music
- 2200 Islam
- 2215 In the Groove
- 2245 Daily Programme
- 2300 Hit Special
- 2330 Jazz in Action
- 2400 Closedown

Urdu

- 1900 Opening: Holy Quran
- 1910 Beltereen Qaul
- 1920 Songs
- 1935 Press Report
- 1940 Radio Club
- 2000 News in Urdu
- 2020 Songs
- 2040 Insha Numa
- 2100 Closedown

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.56 am
Zuhr	11.47
Asr	3.22 pm
Maghreb	6.16
Isha	7.37

RAMADAN TIMINGS

Imsak	3.46 am
Iftar	6.16 pm

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 11.00 Holy Quran
- 11.30 Religious programme: Madrasa Mohamadiya
- 12.15 Cartoons
- 12.30 Varieties: Cultural film
- 1.00 News in Brief
- 1.05 The World via Satellite
- 1.35 Cartoon serial: Toota Fi Al Marikh
- 2.00 Historical serial: Al Nabiy Ha Hona
- 3.30 Arabic serial: Daerat Al Nar (part 13)
- 4.30 Ramadan games show
- 5.00 Arabic serial: Al Rahhaya (Part 13)
- 5.50 Religious talk
- 6.30 Cartoon serial: Safinat Al Asdiqa
- 7.00 Religious programme: After Ifar
- 7.15 Local Children serial: Al Tammaeen
- 8.15 Islam and Muslims in the world: (Muslims in Vietnam)
- 9.30 Musabaaqat Ramadan
- 10.00 News in Arabic
- 10.50 Local serial: Aad Walakin
- 11.45 Entertainment programme
- 12.00 Daily Arabic serial:



A scene from Captain Power on KTV 2

- Al Thulathiya
- 1.00 Bedouin serial: Wadi Al Ghozlan
- 2.15 News in Brief
- 2.20 World via Satellite
- 2.50 Closedown

KTV 2

- 8.00 Holy Quran
- 8.10 Islamic Horizon
- 8.20 Cartoons
- 8.30 Captain Power: a sci-fi adventure set in 2147, it is about Lord Dread's war against the human race and Captain Power's attempts to stop his advance. In tonight's episode, Power realises that a general in his team has gone over the edge.
- 9.00 News in English
- 9.30 Forty Hadith Quds
- 9.45 Medicine in Islam
- 10.30 The Fourth Arm: Set in World War II, it tells the story of a British officer, commissioned to destroy

an ammunition factory, who returns to Britain to form a team.

11.00 Bustin' Loose: "Go for the Gold." All the children want to become top sports people. Comedy.

11.30 Q.E.D.: "With a Goal in Mind." A look at how the mind can influence action. An experiment is conducted on a football team.

12.00 The Equaliser: South African agents chase a girl who helps a man settle in the US. Why? McCall follows the case. Starring: Edward Woodward.

1.00 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/ Closedown

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WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Kuwait Science Museum
OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

Islamic Arts Museum
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

Tareq Rajab Museum
RAMADAN timings SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 7-10 pm. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world on show.

Sadu House
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

One-Act play
MAY 4-7: IAC is organising a one-act play competition at the IAC auditorium daily at 6.00 pm sharp from May 4 to 7.

12 plays will be staged in seven languages. For further details and entry passes contact Tel. Nos. 3904817, 3910165, 3903879, 2644863, 5622599.

SOCIAL

Kuwait Little Theatre
April 20: K.L.T. Ahmadi will present "entertainment" to celebrate the St. Georges Day at Unity Centre, Ahmadi, in the presence of the British ambassador. Tickets KD2 including buffet. Tel: 3983724, 3983964, 3919759.

Bayaninhan
APRIL 21: A get-together for KAPILKU members will be held at the Church Hall from 2.30 to 6.30 pm. All Filipinos are welcome. Free admission.

Summer Affair '89
MAY 6: The Weekend Club will hold the Summer Affair 89 at Regency Palace Hotel on the first day of Eid. Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers in attendance. Highlights: five contest, gala buffet and selection of Summer Queen contest. Tel: Hilary Baretti 5741380 (2-7.30 pm); Julio 5754513 (5 pm onwards); and Mercedes 4890566 (from 3 pm).

Annual Get-together
MAY 8: Kuwait chapter of International Pakistani profes-

sionals and businessmen will hold their annual get-together at the SAS Hotel Grand Ballroom at 7.00 pm. For further details ring 2425315.

Remo's Show
MAY 11: The Expatriates Club will hold a dinner-musical at the SAS Hotel. Remo, India's pop-star will be the star performer and Expatriate Queen will be crowned. City Limits and Perfect Strangers in attendance. For details call Tony 2415439; Wilson — 3918905 (office hours); Val 5614306 after 2pm.

May Queen
MAY 11: Kuwait Goans will crown the May Queen at Messilah Beach Hotel. Top Ranks and Next of Kin in attendance. Highlights of the evening will be Alexandre Rosario's performance. For details call 2413348; 4881387.

Casuals Cricket Club
MAY 18: 8 pm, Messilah Beach Hotel: Annual dinner with special guest speaker Paul Close, former captain of England and Yorkshire. Live music. For tickets and information call Simon Clements — 5333248; or Val Tudball — 5327159.

Kuwait Caledonians
MAY 18: Messilah Beach Hotel. The Caledonians will

hold a "celebration" (gathering) with entertainment by John Carmichael and others. Tel: 5335082; 3727690 ext. 253.

THEATRE

Reflections
April 22-27 (8.30 pm): The School of Contemporary Dance will present a repertoire of ballet entitled "Reflections" at the Mousetrap Theatre to celebrate their 15th anniversary. Tickets — KD 4. Box office open from 4-6.30 pm, Sat-Wed; ticket order: answer phone — 5382099, 2-6 pm.

Hindi play

MAY 4/5: 8 pm. Sharq Cooperative Society. Natya Bharati presents Hindi play entitled "Bin Baati ke Deep", followed by dinner catered by Caesars. For entry and dinner passes contact Tel: 4880965; 5623810; 3725627.

HOTELS

Al Ramada Al Salam
El Bender: offers special iftar and suhoor buffet; Al Ghandoul Grill Garden, open in the evenings offers a selection of grills in the ambience of a waterfall. Al Mawardi Garden: After iftar, relax in the open-air with

a cup of tea or coffee and watch a selection of movies on the big screen.

At the Holiday Inn
Coffee Shop: Offers iftar buffet every evening. Babylon and Lobby Cafe: A variety of Arabian sweets and fresh fruits with Jellab juice. Trio Dimension provide music up to 10 pm.

At the International
LA PALMA: Iftar buffet from a different country each week; begins in Egypt and goes on to Saudi Arabia, the Emirates and Kuwait. It will be open from 6 pm to 3 am for suhoor.

At the Plaza
NOURA Terrace: open from 7 pm to 12 midnight, featuring Lebanese mezzeh and other treats.

Al Dallah Coffee Shop: offers a la carte or dinner buffet featuring Arabic, Continental or Asian food. Speciality: plat du jour.

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Susie Carter with pictures of the men profiled in her magazine Alaskan Men.

Match-making magazine is big business Marketing lonely Alaskan men

By Andrew Peralta

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, (Reuter): After Susie Carter's husband lost his job as an oilfield welder two years ago, the Anchorage couple found themselves working at multiple jobs to pay their bills.

One of them gave the Carters the idea that money could be made introducing lonely Alaskan men to the rest of the world.

To survive in one of North America's most expensive cities, Dave Carter delivered pizzas, did book-keeping and helped Susie tend to 10 children enrolled in her at-home Day Care Centre.

It was there that their match-making magazine Alaskan Men was conceived.

Each day, a stream of single fathers dropped off and picked up their children. They were mostly young, mostly good-looking and nearly all searching for 'Ms Right'.

Taking a gamble with their life savings, the Carters created a quarterly magazine filled with photos and life stories, condensed into five paragraphs or less, of the available men.

The formula worked. Women responded with thousands of letters and Alaskan Men has produced numerous marriages. Susie Carter's father was married two months after appearing in the magazine.

Circulation of Alaskan Men grew 17-fold in less than a year, and today the 100,000 copies normally printed do not meet demand. Susie Carter says copies are sold in New York City for eight times the \$5.95 cover price.

"Women are calling me and complaining," said the engaging, twice-married mother of nine, referring to the shortage.

Alaskan Men has a list of 150 hopefuls waiting their turn for space in its pages, each eager to pose for a photograph—fully dressed—beside his small place or canoe. They can wait for up to a year.

The Carters say they plan to publish similar

versions of the magazine in every state and a half dozen countries.

A book and a movie on the life of 46-year-old Susie are in the works.

The couple closed their Day Care Centre last November as the magazine's circulation skyrocketed.

Life was not easy in the beginning. Susie Carter worked on the magazine until 2 am seven days a week, badgering friends and relatives for the names of men to profile, lining up volunteers and writing copy.

The couple decided to publish the magazine on glossy paper, to give it the look of a quality publication. That greatly increased the cost—\$8,000 for the initial modest run of 5,000 copies.

"We sank our entire life savings into it, about \$30,000," said Susie Carter.

Gary Apperson, an Anchorage policeman whose story and photo appeared in the third issue, received 150 letters from around the United States. He also heard from women in Brazil and South Africa.

Even after Apperson told his correspondents he had become engaged—although not to one of them—half wrote back. He says he still writes regularly to 30 of the women.

"They're pen pals," he said. "A lot of them are lonely and about half seem to be single mothers. A lot asked questions with the common theme—'What's it like living in Alaska? Are glaciers really blue? What's your (astrological) sign?'"

Many of the women write: "This is the first time I've ever done anything like this."

Some send telephone numbers, others photos of themselves and their children.

One wrote: "I'm sure not used to this single life. I was married 10 years and been divorced nine months. It's a very big change for me."

Such talks is music to the ears of Susie Carter. "I don't like to see people unhappy," she says.

How to entice newspaper editors

By Michael C. Tipping

LOS ANGELES, (UPI): Everyone from an attorney with a notable verdict to an inventor with a better mousetrap to a homemaker selling kitchen-fresh muffins wants it.

Publicity. But how do you get it?

One expensive answer is to hire a public relations firm that will try to capture the attention of the news media, via a press release or a story proposal.

But such advice can run as much as \$4,000 a month, leaving low-budget business with the alternative of casting bread upon the media waters by doing their own public relations.

Now, however, along comes one of the larger PR firms in Los Angeles offering what its owner calls the first-ever videotape on the subject, "do-it-yourself public relations."

For \$49.95 entrepreneurs can get a 35-minute crash course on how to entice newspaper and magazine editors.

Segments in the tape include "Introduction to public relations," "The elements of P.R.," "Defining your media," "Tools of the trade," "Assembling a press kit," "Writing a new release," "Contacting the media," "Preparing articles and editorial responses," and "Meeting deadlines, getting results."

The tape is the first in a series of self-help-for-the-underexposed business planned by Linda Hamm, founder and president of the Hamm Group Inc. in Westlake Village.

"It's an Elixir for the individual who legitimately has a need for public relations and who would otherwise be unable to pursue public relations because of the big agency

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retainers," Hamm said.

The tape, available by telephone order only, just hit the market in March, but already "the response is quite good," Hamm said.

"We've had an interesting variety of business people responding—a landscaper, homemaker, large corporations, attorneys,"

Richard Borden, general manager of Hamm's agency who helped produce the video, said innumerable inquiries from publicity-hungry entrepreneurs and professionals prompted Hamm to make the tape.

"We saw two major things" from talking to would-be clients, Borden said. "The first was that entrepreneurs didn't understand P.R. They confused it with advertising," Borden said.

The tape explains that "advertising is where you (the entrepreneur) can dictate exactly what appears and when it appears. With PR you are at the mercy of the editors. However, in PR the coverage brings a third-party endorsement of your product or service that you cannot equal through advertising."

"In ads, you are speaking about yourself. In

PR it's the publication or (radio or television) station that is speaking about you. Therefore, you are newsworthy and credible."

"People no longer believe advertisements, but they do believe the respected publications they read or programmes they watch," Borden said.

Some small business owners and professionals brave the media jungle on their own, and often make the mistakes, Borden said.

"They think too big, too early. That's the most common mistake," he said.

A builder, for example, will try to interest such national magazines as Time or Newsweek in a new project, instead of focusing closer to home with such outlets as the area business Journal or local newspapers.

A second pitfall is ignorance of the target—"not understanding what the press will use and not use, deadlines, news vs. fluff, and the importance of including photos, product samples, and returning editors' phone calls," Borden said.

The tape offers interviews with big-league editors who tell what they like and don't like. The No. 1 complaint from the newspeople was "people submitting material to their publication that was not appropriate (and that indicated) they apparently never read the publication," Hamm said.

Hamm also sees her tape as a service to the horde of journalists who daily must plow through piles of sometimes incomprehensible releases and story ideas.

"We're trying to aid the media by teaching people how to properly submit information and properly do the follow-up," she said.

'Exiled' Mercedes returns home in style

BONN (DaD): Chancellor Adenauer's official car, a gleaming black Mercedes 300 with chromium flashes which the first Bonn chancellor used throughout the 1950s, has covered some ground in its day. One of its latest jaunts was by Luftwaffe transport plane from Washington, D.C., to Cologne airport—and back to Bonn, where it was Konrad Adenauer's official car from 1951 till 1959, the Federal Republic of Germany's decade of post-war economic recovery. It took him to and from his home in Rhondorf and the Chancellor's Office in Bonn; it also accompanied him on many official journeys at home and abroad.

When Germany's best-known Mercedes 300 was retired in 1959 it set out on even more of an Odyssey. The judge who bought it resold it. It changed hands several times more, finally being purchased by a collector in Memphis, Tennessee. It has now been bought—and brought—back by the German Federal government, which paid about DM80,000—for a car that cost DM20,000 new in 1951. It has been sent to the manufacturers, Daimler-Benz in Stuttgart, for a thorough overhaul. It will then star in the House of History, a museum in the making opposite the Adenauer monument in front of the Chancellor's Office in Bonn.



Flown home from the United States, the famous Chancellor's Mercedes, used by Konrad Adenauer for a decade, will hold a place of honour, after years in 'exile', in the House of History in Bonn, Federal Republic of Germany.

Liz back in action

From Baz Bamigboye in Paris

ELIZABETH TAYLOR, the last great screen goddess, returned to the spotlight last week for a rare public appearance.

But not to star. She was there to sell scent for men. She had chosen Paris, city of art and culture, to launch a range that bears her name.

And there were those among her audience who wished that she hadn't. They saw the marketing of perfume as demeaning for a star of her quality.

To them it was sad to see a once many splendoured talent speak such trite phrases as the publicity machine had provided: "I'm here in one of my favourite cities in the world... it's to do with my passion for men, which I have had in abundance."

"Now I have been able to bottle that passion up. It's the way I like my men to smell. I think you should wear the perfume, or cologne anywhere you want to be touched."

At least she managed to say it all with a straight face as she launched Elizabeth Taylor's Passion for Men on the world.

It was Miss Taylor's first international appearance after months of coping with the problems of ill health, painkillers, depression and alcohol.

The Oscar-winning actress appeared to have lost her radiance. She seemed ill at ease and she wore a silk shawl over her blue suit as if to hide her once svelte figure.

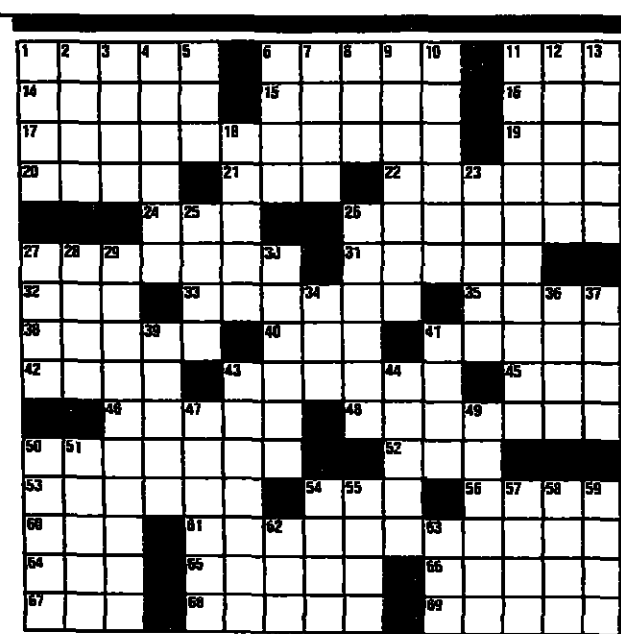
Miss Taylor, 57, defended herself by saying that she wasn't just putting her name to the perfume but had been actively involved in its creation.

"I worked on it," she said. "The bottling, the design, the creation of ingredients for the fragrance from 500 different ones—I worked on all of that for over a year."

Of her health, she said: "I am in great pain and I will never be free of it. I'm literally hobbling along. I have had a compressed fracture in my back and it is inoperable. The pain hasn't been easy to put up with, but I have learned to live with it."

She skipped a champagne reception with perfume executives after the launch at the Automobile Club of Paris and returned to her suite at the Ritz.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Floral asset
 - 6 Varnish base
 - 11 Joker
 - 14 Devastation
 - 15 Land of the eldorado
 - 16 Drop a stitch
 - 17 Past one's prime
 - 19 FDR creation
 - 20 Hungers
 - 21 Hockey great
 - 22 Sampled
 - 24 Bad —
 - 26 German spa
 - 27 Eater's alcove
 - 28 Symbols of modesty
 - 31 Get up —
 - 32 Buckeye's coll.
 - 33 City SE of Hue, Vietnam
 - 35 Employer
 - 38 Sir or Lord
 - 40 Work unit
 - 41 Nettle
 - 42 Siouan speaker
 - 43 Equipment for Eisenstaedt
 - 45 Many, many moons
 - 46 Electrical unit
 - 48 Dropped back
 - 50 Montana and others
 - 52 Part of a Waikiki welcome
 - 53 Grieg's "—s Dance"
 - 54 Down dweller
 - 56 Gambling game
 - 60 One of a Disney trio
 - 61 Under the weather
 - 64 Tough, elastic wood
 - 65 Capture
 - 66 Penthouse, in a
- DOWN**
- 7 Word with in or out
 - 8 Chemical compound
 - 9 Luster
 - 10 Salt's salute
 - 12 Critic's praise
 - 13 Range feature
 - 14 Snippet
 - 15 Behave
 - 16 Wide-mouthed pitcher
 - 17 The Wizard of Oz's notable
 - 18 Yale or Whitney
 - 19 Softening agent
 - 20 Tasmanian, e.g.
 - 21 Let oneself go
 - 22 Stop, in Soissons
 - 23 Incline
 - 24 Plantain lily
 - 25 Proceed to what follows, in music
 - 26 Early Persian
 - 27 Writer Bernard De —
 - 28 Who —?
 - 29 Overpriced, internally
 - 30 Golfers Sam and J.C.
 - 34 Fortify
 - 36 "Wheel" once
 - 37 Extract from
 - 38 Most unimportant
 - 41 Stride
 - 43 Liquid containers
 - 44 U.S. Grant's rival
 - 47 Got up a second time
 - 49 Tower near the Seine
 - 50 Actress Irene from Greece
 - 51 Liqueur flavoring
 - 54 Nap
 - 55 Rare bird
 - 57 Space or sphere starter
 - 58 Brazilian money of old
 - 59 Verses
 - 62 Conform
 - 63 Mattress problem

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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YOOHOO	SPRYER	
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BALE	ISLES	DOSE
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GOVERN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF
WHO NEEDS ACES!

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ J 8 5
♥ A Q
♦ A 9 7 4
♣ Q J 7 2

WEST
♠ Q 10 6
♥ J 8 3 2
♦ 10 6
♣ 8 6 4 3

EAST
♠ A 9 7 3
♥ 7 6 5
♦ J 5 3 2
♣ 10 5

SOUTH
♠ K 4 2
♥ K 10 9 4
♦ K Q 8
♣ A K 9

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass 4 NT Pass
6 NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Six of ♣

The thrust and parry of a skilled defender battling an expert declarer is one of the most exhilarating sights at a bridge table. This hand is from the recent Blue Ribbon Pairs Championship at the Summer North American Championships in Nashville.

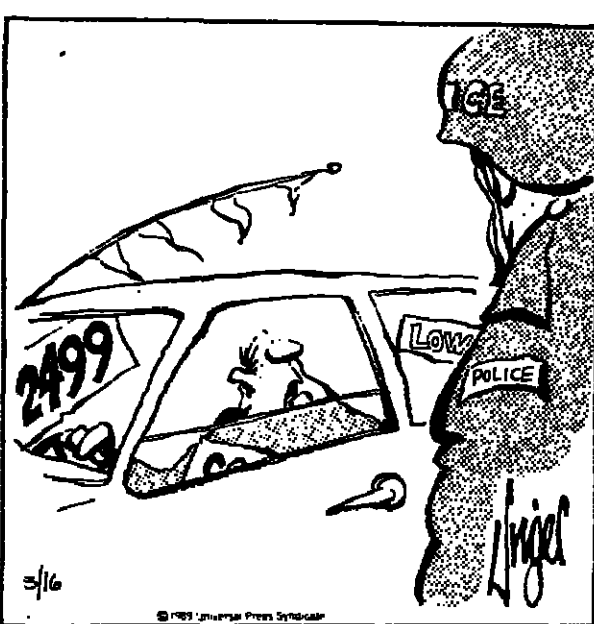
North-South were using a 15-17 HCP range for their one no trump opening bid, which explains South's

jump to two no trump. South, young New York star Debbie Zuckerman, decided that her intermediate cards and top honors in partner's suit warranted treating her hand as a maximum, so she accepted the slam invitation.

West made a neutral club lead and declarer cashed out the suit. East, Peter Nagy of Chicago, discarded one card from each major. Since declarer needed a spade trick for the contract, she cleared the ace-queen of hearts from dummy, then led a spade to the king, which held. Next, she took her queen of diamonds and two red-suit kings. Down to A-9 of spades and J-5 of diamonds, on the king of hearts Nagy discarded his ace of spades! Declarer had to be satisfied with 11 tricks.

Note that no other defense would have beaten the contract. Had Nagy clung to his ace of spades, declarer would have thrown him in with that card. Declarer would then have been forced to lead away from his J-5 of diamonds into declarer's A-9 tenace, giving declarer an extra trick and her slam.

Ah, well—just another of those hands where counting the distribution makes the winning defense easy!



"Send the speeding ticket to the car lot. I'm not buying it."

THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
Do not do the first thing that comes into your head. If you smoke now is a good time to try and give it up. If you do not smoke, do not start now. Be less impulsive.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
Do not do more than one thing at a time. You will be rather disappointed, never mind, there will be another opportunity. Luck is not with you right now. Be more careful.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**
You will be able to do something to please your partner and should do so. Try to keep matters as simple as possible. See to it you are not making a nuisance of yourself. Be observant.
- Capricorn (Dec 22 - Jan 19)**
Make sure you get all the rest you need. Try not to drive if you are more than usually tired. Do not expect others to behave just as you would wish them to. Be less negligent.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
You will tend to leave things until the last moment. You will get some good advice, try to take it. Your lucky numbers are 43 and 57. Make sure you are not being a nuisance. Be candid.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
You will be tempted to spend more than you know you can afford, don't. Try hard to keep calm and avoid losing your temper. Make quite sure you do not break any speed limits. Be resilient.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**
You should be sure not to neglect your personal appearance. Avoid sacrificing quality for the sake of quantity. You will be able to make progress in a field where you have fallen behind. Be reliable.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**
If you are relying on a piece of good luck you may well be disappointed. Try to see things from the other person's point of view too. Stick to your principles but try to avoid swimming against the stream. Be moderate.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
Something you have long wanted to do will now become possible for you. Avoid eating too late at night. Work intensively and then enjoy your leisure. Be to the point.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
Listen to what others are saying and do not try to dictate to them. Have just a little more faith in yourself. Try not to complicate matters. Be tactful.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
If you are trying to maintain or lose weight avoid those "small" snacks between meals. Ensure you take a modicum of regular exercise. You will find good excuses for not doing what you know you should do. Be forgiving.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
Your memory will not be all that you would wish it to be, so do not be too proud to make yourself notes. Think of others as well as of yourself. Avoid eating anything too spicy or sweet. Be tolerant.

Animals, animals, animals



A seven-year-old orangutan waves the Malaysian flag as he greets visitors to the National Zoo in Kuala Lumpur. The orangutan, a gentle primate native to Malaysia, has been adopted as the national mascot for Visit Malaysia Year in 1990.

Ha! Ha!

The welfare worker was paying his first visit to a problem family in his area, and the door was opened by a small girl.

'What'ja want?' she asked suspiciously.

'Is your mother in?' asked the welfare officer.

'Nah,' answered the moppet, 'she's in a 'ome for nutters, ain't she?'

'Oh ... well, is your father in?'

'Nah, 'E's in the nick, ain't 'e?'

'E's in Borstal.'

'Good gracious. Is there a big sister looking after you, then?'

'She was until last week but now she's at Oxford University.'

'Your mother's in an asylum, your father's in gaol, your brother's in Borstal and your sister's at university?'

'S' right.'

'What is she studying?'

'She ain't. The're studiyin' er!'

W	M	I	C	E	J	G	G	T	K
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N	K	S	S	O	R	C	T	O	H

Clue: Moon jumper! (3 letters)

Word search NURSERY RHYMES

HOT CROSS

JACK HORNER
JACK SPRAT

LION
LITTLE DOG

MICE
MISS MUFFET

PLUM
PUSSY CAT

SHEEP
SPOON

TARTS
TARTS

'WEE WILLIE WINKIE

BABY BUNTING
BO-PEEP

CAKE
CLOCK
CROOKED MAN

DAFFY-DOWN-DILLY
DING, DONG

GEORGIE PORGIE
GREEDY-GUT

HICKORY, DICKORY,
DOCK

Long facts!

MORE ABOUT GIRAFFES

SHINY GEORGE wants to share with all our readers two more facts she has on giraffes...

1. Even though giraffe has a long neck, its neck only has seven bones. The same number as other mammals!

2. The giraffe always has "high blood pressure" as the distant between its heart and brains is great. To pump blood from the



heart to the distant head it requires the high pressure.

Shiny George
Carmel School

Giddey up horsey!

HORSES

THE horse is valued for its speed and strength. It was one of the first wild animals to be tamed.

The first horse was a small and rather dog-like creature known as "Eohippus" or dawn horse.

It lived millions of years ago and had four toes on its front feet and three toes on its back feet.

Gradually, their legs grew longer and they lost all their toes except for one.

Finally, after millions of years of evolution, the



modern horse appeared. It too has only one toe and it runs on its tip toes! It's toe has become a tough nail, or hoof.

Benly George
Carmel School

Universal American School

Sports Day



THE Universal American School (UAS) held its annual Sports Day at the Arabi Sports Club. The day was dedicated to promote sports as a healthy, enjoyable activity for people of all ages. Over 1,000 students and staff from grades 1-12 participated in the events which ranged from track and field to tug-of-war. The day was a great success. The UAS would like to thank the Arabi club for its generosity and help on that special day.



What was the first Zoo

ABOUT three thousand years ago, a Chinese emperor kept a collection of animals in what he called an "intelligence part." If the emperor kept the animals alive to study them and learn something of their habits, then this was perhaps the first zoo, because today this is what a zoo is—a large, enclosed area where wild animals, birds, and reptiles are kept for people to see and scientists to study.

Long ago it became a custom to keep animals at home. As time passed and villages and towns grew, some men kept wild animals in enclosures on their property.

In this way they had animals on hand when they wanted to go hunting. Also, the animals could be taught amusing tricks to entertain people. But men often collected wild animals to show how rich and powerful they were. To make themselves popular, they sometimes allowed people to enter their parks and look at their animals.

There were public zoos in Europe as early as the 9th century. Many more were created in the larger towns and cities during the next 700 or 800 years.

A zoo's size is rated by the number of kinds of animals it contains. Only four zoos have more than one thousand kinds of animals. Of these, the largest is the San Diego Zoo in California. Then come the West Berlin Zoo, the Bronx Zoo in New York City, and Belgium's Antwerp Zoo.

Most often, zoos buy animals from dealers. Many large animals are very expensive.

Young poets

Basketball

Basketball is such a good game, so when you enter you are in the hall of fame.

You have to be skinny not fat, cause you'll be running like a cat.

The ball is heavy and it can break your head, but that's no problem we'll sow it with thread.

People talk about it everywhere, so when you're walking in the streets you'll see people stare.

Mohammed Al Khawga
Grade 6-2
Universal American
School

Weather in winter

Wind is blowing, lights are glowing.

Thunder is roaring, rain is falling.

Alone at home-boring.

Storing food in a bad mood.

People running, everything is gloomy.

It's nice in winter!

Rima Karam
Grade 4-4

Dear Junior Readers,

KUWAIT is a country filled with people of many nationalities. When you walk in the streets of Salmiya, Kuwait City or Fahaheel you see a lot of people of so many nationalities.

In fact, I'm sure that the JUNIOR TIMES readers are also of different nationalities, fortunately with one strong characteristic in common—the English language.

As we are so lucky as to be able to communicate with people of different origins through a language, it will be nice if we could tell them about all the lovely parts and traditions of our homelands...well JUNIOR TIMES is giving each of you that opportunity.

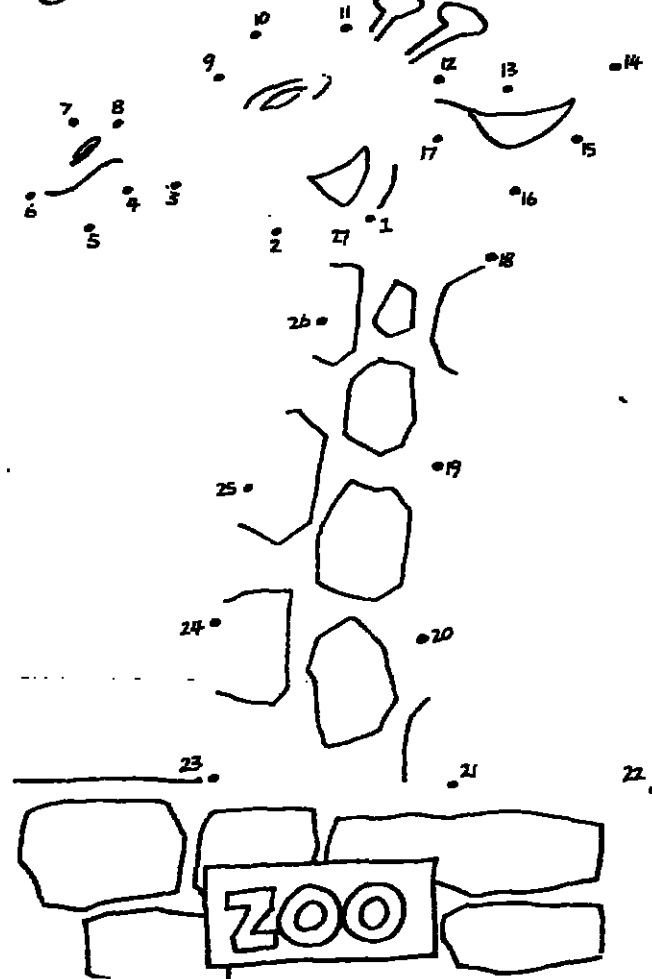
Write in about your homeland, or a country that fascinates you for some reason, and encourage your friends to go and visit it. Try to include pictures showing beautiful aspects of the country, whether scenery or a way of life.

Also remember to include a photograph of yourself—when fame comes your way, it may not return...so make the most of a golden opportunity!

Mandal

Join the dots

Over the wall!



Firsts and lasts

Over half the men on the Greek island of Corfu have the first name 'Spiro.'

Mr and Mrs Ralph Cummins had five children. The first was born on 20th of February, 1952 and the last was born on 20th of February, 1966. But what was so extraordinary was that every one of their other children shared the same birthday! This must have been a bit expensive at birthday times.

One of the last acts of the wealthy French woman, Mme La Bresse, was to leave a large sum of money in her will to provide clothes for snowmen!

The first 'government' health warning against smoking was written by King James I at the beginning of the seventeenth century.

The first denim cloth, with which jeans are made, came from the French city of Nimes. Its name originated from the French words 'de Nimes,' which mean 'from nimes.'

Over forty per cent of Swedes have a last name that ends 'son.'

The Duke of Wellington, who won the battle of Waterloo against Napoleon in 1815, was the first person to wear a pair of 'wellington boots.' He wore them for going into battle, not for rainy days as they are used now.

The first pancakes were originally made on Shrove Tuesday as a way of using up stores of food that were banned during Lent, which starts on the next day; Ash Wednesday.

The first driving licences were made compulsory in Paris in 1893.

The dry cleaning process that we use so much today was in fact discovered by mistake—as all the most useful inventions seem to have been! Mr Jolly-Bellin, of Paris, spilt a lamp on a clean table cloth. He saw that the parts of the cloth that had been covered in spirit seemed to have cleaned themselves—so he started a successful business using the spirit as a cleaner.

The term 'blue-stocking' is used nowadays for women, especially those who study and do not do the usual feminine things. But it was first used for men.

The last battle fought between England and America was fought at New Orleans in 1815. However, neither Army knew that the two governments had signed a peace treaty two weeks before.

The English word 'palace' comes from the name of the Palatine Hill, one of the seven hills on which Rome was built and the one on which many Roman emperors and powerful men built their palaces.

The first Olympic Games had only one event.

The first pressure cooker was designed in 1680 by a Frenchman, Denis Papin, who called his invention a 'New Digester or Engine for Softening Bones.'

Colouring time

Early riser



Children of the week



MY name is Shereen, I am three years old and go to the Sour English School. I cannot write as I am still too young, but I asked my mama to write this for me... I want to tell all my friends something... I have a beautiful baby sister. Her name is Soha. She is only one year old.

Every Friday after having a bath, I sit with my sister Soha and pray to Allah to make us big and good girls (I am above in the photo with Soha).

We are praying and thanking Allah for all the nice things he has given us, and especially for our wonderful mum and dad. So I just want to tell all of you to always think of Allah.

Bye Bye

Shereen Mohiuddin

Amazing facts

The fifth satellite of Uranus was only discovered in 1948.

Football was first played in England in the twelfth century but no rules were devised until 1846.

The earth is roughly 4,600 million years old.

War galleys powered by slaves were still in use during the reign of Louis XIV in the seventeenth century.

ARAB TIMES Classifieds

ACCOMMODATION

For Rent

SALWA. New villa, ground floor with 3 bedrooms, 4 halls, 3 bathrooms and 2 kitchens. Suitable for Europeans. Tel. 2436048, 11am-2pm, 2540050, 2-10 pm. (AT4-46950-3)

Available

ABBASIYA, behind the Telecom Building. One room in a 2 bedroom flat for a working lady or an Indian bachelor only. Tel. Mrs D'Souza, 4745828, 9am-2pm, 8-10 pm. (AT4-46943-3)

KUWAIT City, Fahd Al Salem Street. Accommodation in a double bedroom flat with a separate toilet for one RC Goan/Mangroen bachelor to share with another 2, with a Goan family. Tel. 4713359 from 8.30am-2pm. (AT3-46948-3)

SALWA, House 196, Block 7, Area 4. One big room with water and electricity, for a family or working girls, to share with an Indian family. Bus routes 34, 102. Rent KD50. Tel. 5611243. (AT4-46973-3)

JULEEB Al Shiyookh, one big room for a small family or two working girls, to share with a Pakistani family. Bus routes 39, 21, 22, 507. Rent KD45. Tel. Afzal Ahmad, 2619478, 9 am - 1 pm, 8-10 pm. (AT4-46974-2)

FOR RENT

New buildings, de luxe with 7 flats. Each flat consisting of 3x4, 3 bedrooms, one 7x4, saloon, bathroom and balcony in Juleeb Al Shiyookh. Rent KD230

HAEL REAL ESTATE
Tel. 4330177, 4330188

SALWA Area 2. One room with kitchen and bathroom facilities including garden for an American or West-European bachelor to share with 2 persons. Tel. 5631452. (AT3-46938-3)

FARWANIYA main street, opp. the clinic. One room in a two bedroom flat for a bachelor to share with a Goan family. Tel. Mr. D'Sa 4810051, 7am to 2pm. (AT2-46910-3)

FOR SALE

Computers

PARALLEL printer with cable, pinfeed and friction. Brand new. KD56. Tel. Mr Eric Jones 2407866, 8am-9pm. (AT4-46953-3)

APPLE IIC with complete accessories including original Apple works software, brand new Apple scribe printer — ideal for business/home use. Best offer. Tel. 5611522. (AT2-46877-3)

Cars

BUICK, Le Sabre, 1980 model, AC, fully automatic registered up to March 21, 1990 in good condition. KD400 cash. Tel. 5619303, 8.30-9.30 am. (AT3-46940-2)

TOYOTA Cressida GL, 1984, fully automatic, with AC and 4 doors in perfect original condition, registered up to Jan 1990. KD1,600 cash. Tel. 2442262, 7.30 am-1.30 pm. (AT3-46954-3)

AUDI 100, 1984 model, dark blue, fully automatic, with AC, 62,000 kms, insured up to Nov 89, one owner. In very good condition. KD1,800, down payment KD54 by instalments for 3 years. Tel. 2403260. (AT3-46869-3)

TOYOTA Tercel Stationwagon 1983, manual, AC, owner driven only, well maintained in excellent condition. KD900 one. Tel. 2635371. (AT4-46960-3)

Miscellaneous

PAIR of JBL speakers, model L56, 150 watts capacity, like new JVC turntable model QL-F 320 in excellent condition. Price for all KD110. Tel. 3911487. (AT3-46940-3)

FOR sale: fully furnished, superior apartment, situated in Western Road in the centre of Brighton, England; close to the sea and mainline railway station with lifts, portage and good security comprising 2 bedrooms/lounge/kitchen/bathroom/entrance hall. Leasehold term 89 years. Price Stg. £75,000 (inc furnishings). Mortgage facilities can be arranged. Phone 5393151/2527988 for further details. (AT3-UBK-TM-3)

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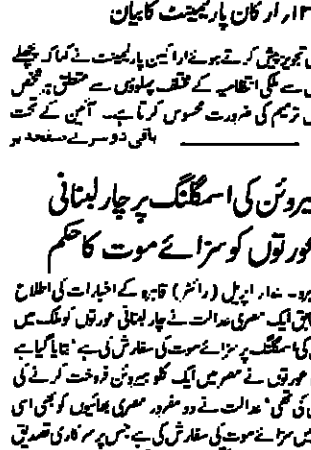
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SPORTS

Results

NBA games
NEW YORK, April 17, (Reuters): Results of National Basketball Association (NBA) games played yesterday:
Cleveland 111 Chicago 92
Houston 114 Dallas 112
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World marathon
MILAN, Italy, April 17, (Reuters): Leading results of a World Marathon Cup race yesterday:
1. Metferem Zeleke (Ethiopia) two hours 10 minutes 28 seconds; 2. Dereje Nedi (Ethiopia) 2:10:36; 3. Gianni Poli (Italy) 2:10:48; 4. Ravi Kashapov (Soviet Union) 2:11:07; 5. Dominik Chauvelier (France) 2:11:24; 6. Bertrand Itwre (France) 2:11:40; 7. Salvatore Bettini (Italy) 2:12:01; 8. Takashi So (Japan) 2:12:23; 9. R. Wachenbrunner (East Germany) 2:13:08; 10. Konrad Döbler (West Germany) 2:13:51.

Vienna marathon
VIENNA, April 17, (Reuters): Official leading results at the Vienna Marathon yesterday:
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World snooker
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First round (best of 19 frames)
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Frame scores (Virgo first) 72-27 21-69 45-31 70-13 100-26 77-99 115-68 47-63 18-44 36-63 21-74 99-13 84-12

Soccer
The Netherlands
AMSTERDAM, April 17, (Reuters): Results of Dutch First Division matches played this weekend:
PSV 4 Roda JC 2
VVV 1 Den Bosch 0
Ajax 4 Feyenoord 1
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Czechoslovakia
PRAGUE, April 17, (Reuters): Czechoslovak First Division football games played at the weekend:
Inter B 2 Ceska 0
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Slavia Praha 2 Bohemians P 0
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Belgium
BRUSSELS, April 17, (Reuters): Results of Belgian First Division matches played at the weekend:
Genk 0 R. Mouscron 1
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Antwerp 0 Beerschot 0
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Portugal
LISBON, April 17, (Reuters): Results of Portuguese First Division soccer matches played this weekend:
Benfica 1 Nacional M 0
Porto 1 Chaves 0
Vizela 0 Boavista 0
Maritimo 1 Sporting 1
Farense 1 Leixoes 1
Portimonense 1 Beira Mar 1
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Greece
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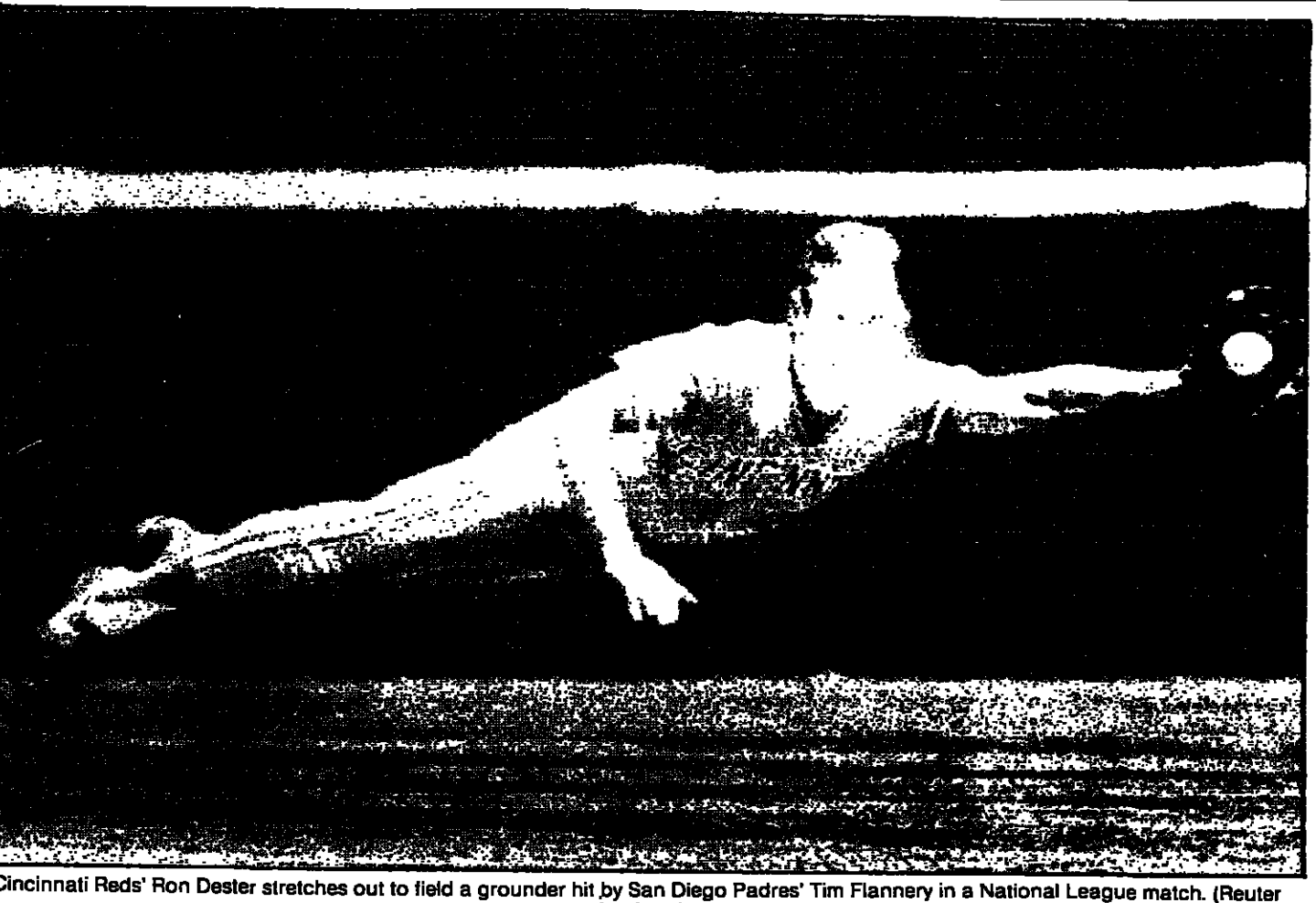
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MADRID, April 17, (Reuters): Results of the Spanish First Division soccer matches played this weekend:
Real Oviedo 0 Espanol 0
Málaga 0 Elche 0
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Yugoslavia
BELGRADE, April 17, (Reuters): Results of Yugoslav First Division matches over the weekend:
Dukla Belgrade 1 Voj Novi Sad 1
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Sutcliffe helps Cubs overcome Phillies

PHILADELPHIA, April 17, (AP): Rick Sutcliffe won his third straight game and drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single as the Chicago Cubs beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-3 yesterday for their seventh straight victory.
Sutcliffe, 3-0, allowed six hits, struck out four and walked five in 8 1-3 innings and took a 5-1 lead into the bottom of the ninth.
Mitch Williams came on after Sutcliffe walked two. He surrendered RBI singles to Tommy Herr and Chris James before retiring Mike Schmidt on a fly to right with two men on for his sixth save in six opportunities.
The Cubs' winning streak is their longest since June, 1985.
Nelson Santovenia singled in the tying run in the eighth inning, then doubled and scored the winning run in the 11th as Montreal beat Pittsburgh.
Joe Hesketh, 2-0, pitched two shutout innings to pick up the win. Tim Burke pitched the 11th for the save.
With the score tied 4-4, Santovenia doubled off the top of the left field wall to lead off the 11th. He moved to third on Damaso Garcia's groundout and scored on pinch-hitter Hubie Brooks' sacrifice fly off reliever Jeff Robinson.
Robinson, 1-2, took the loss.
Cardinals 5, Mets 3
Ozzie Smith had three singles and drove in two runs and Joe DeLeon pitched a four-hitter as St. Louis beat the New York Mets, continuing the slide of the NL East champions.

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Cincinnati Reds' Ron Dester stretches out to field a grounder hit by San Diego Padres' Tim Flannery in a National League match. (Reuters wirephoto).

Marshall sends India tumbling to 122 for 8

West Indies all out for 314



Marshall: takes five wickets

PORT-OF-SPAIN, April 17, (Reuters): A devastating spell of fast-medium bowling by Malcolm Marshall, who took five for 34 in 16 overs, was chiefly responsible for India's collapse from 32 for 0 to 99 for 8 before ending the second day of the third Test at 122 for 8 in reply to West Indies' 314 all out.
Marshall took five of the first six wickets to fall before Courtney Walsh came back for a second spell to have Wookeri Raman caught behind and Kiran More bowled.
Had Arshad Ayub been caught by substitute keeper Gordon Greenidge off Ambrose, India would have been 111 for 9.
It was Marshall's 21st five-wicket haul in Tests on a slow wicket which did, however, allow the West Indian record holder for Test wickets to move the ball both ways off the seam.
Marshall introduced into the attack until the 14th over, Curtly Ambrose and Ian Bishop having opened the bowling and not even passed the bats of the opening pair. Navjot Sidhu was out to Marshall's 11th delivery when he was bowled through the gate by one that nipped back to hit middle and off.
Ravi Shastri who was caught at short leg off Marshall, and Dilip Vengsarkar, who was bowled by Vivian Richards for two, were out in successive overs after tea. The Indian captain played a bad shot trying to cut a ball that was too close to the off-stump and playing on.
The innings was not beyond repair at 30 for 3, but when Marshall took three more wickets in the space of five overs it was in tatters at 89 for six.
Cutting down his pace and concentrating on movement, Marshall had the out-of-form Arun Lal, who had survived 32 overs for 30 (his highest score of the series), picked up at second slip by Richards.
Sanjay Manjrekar was then beaten by a breakback and lbw for a duck before Kapil Dev who gave a hint of defiance, hitting 3 fours in his 16, edged a ball that left him to keeper Jeff Dujon.
Four runs later, Courtney Walsh, having replaced Richards, had Wookeri Raman caught behind in the first over of his second spell when the young left-hander played a loose shot to a ball wide of the stumps.
West Indies, 237 for five overnight, had batted a further 30 overs before being bowled out immediately after lunch for what looks a useful total despite the slowness of the wicket.
Gus Logie, 63 overnight, batted much less positively than the day before after losing Jeff Dujon to the fifth ball of the day when the West Indian wicketkeeper top-edged a sweep to deep backward square.
Logie batted for all but six minutes of the morning before edging a leg-break in Narendra Hirwani's first over of the day to keeper Kiran More. But the Trinidadian's 87 from 179 balls with seven fours was a crucial contribution on a wicket not conducive to strokeplay.
Marshall after a brief flurry which included a six off Ayub over mid-wicket became the off-spinner's fifth victim when, having come down the wicket, he was beaten by a quicker ball and stumped for 18.
Ambrose frustrated the Indians for 45 minutes before Kapil was recalled to the attack and had him caught behind for 12.
Courtney Walsh's only scoring stroke was a straight six off Hirwani who had him caught next ball at cover off a skier when he tried to repeat the shot.
Ayub finished with remarkable figures of five for 117 from 52 overs having bowled for most of the innings. It was the third time that Ayub has taken five wickets in an innings in Tests and the second in the series.

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings (over-
night 237 for five)
G. Greenidge c More b Kapil Dev 21
D. Haynes c Raman b Shastri 65
R. Richardson c Hirwani b Ayub 15
K. Artherton c sub b Ayub 37
V. Richards b Ayub 19
A. Logie c More b Hirwani 87
J. Dujon c Raman b Ayub 5
M. Marshall st More b Kapil Dev 12
I. Bishop not out 11
C. Walsh c Sharma b Hirwani 6
Extras (b-7 lb-5 nb-6) 18
Total 314

Fall of wickets: 1-33 2-89 3-118 4-146 5-216 6-238 7-269 8-294 9-302
Bowling: Kapil Dev 19-6-45-2, C. Sharma 6-1-23-0, Ayub 52-11-117-5, Shastri 27-8-58-1, Hirwani 19-3-2-59-2

INDIA first innings
A. Lal c Richards b Marshall 30
N. Sidhu b Marshall 11
R. Shastri c Logie b Marshall 8
D. Vengsarkar b Richards 2
W. Raman c Dujon b Walsh 17
S. Manjrekar lbw b Marshall 0
K. Dev c Dujon b Marshall 16
K. More b Walsh 2
A. Ayub not out 18
C. Sharma not out 17
Extras (b-1 lb-5 nb-5) 11
Total 8 wickets for 122

To bat: N. Hirwani
Fall of wickets: 1-32 2-48 3-50 4-61 5-68 6-89 7-93 8-99
Bowling: Ambrose 9-1-28-0, Bishop 6-2-2-5-0, Walsh 12-5-21-2, Marshall 16-6-34-5, Richards 12-3-28-1

Hick starts season with unbeaten 174

LONDON, April 17, (Reuters): Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick hammered an unbeaten 174, his 17th first-class century during the past 12 months, in his first innings of the English cricket season yesterday.
Hick, playing for county champions Worcestershire against MCC at Lord's, gave a display of mounting authority and power which propelled his team to 474 for three before rain cut short the second day of the four-day match.
The innings underlined Hick's immense appetite for runs, which brought him 10 first-class hundreds for Worcestershire last year followed by six more in the recent New Zealand domestic season.
Hick, whose exploits last summer included becoming the first player since 1973 to score 1,000 runs before the end of May, efficiently overcame a moving ball and a slow pitch as he took his overnight 35 to 71 in two hours after Worcester resumed at 256 for two.
With a solid base to his innings, Hick lifted the tempo by lashing Chris Cowdrey's medium-pace for 6,4,4 off successive balls, and he also struck left-arm spinner Keith Medley for three more sixes.
Hick, who hit 102 off 92 deliveries in the second session, shared an unfinished fourth-wicket stand of 164 with captain Phil Neale (50 not out) before rain prevented any play after tea.

Stewart runs away with Heritage title
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C., April 17, (Reuters): Payne Stewart shot a final round of 69 to leave the rest of the field in the dust and claim a five-stroke victory in the \$800,000 Heritage Golf Classic yesterday.
Stewart's 72-hole 16-under-par 268 established a tournament record, breaking the old mark of 14-under-par 270 set by Tom Watson in 1979 and matched by Masters champion Nick Faldo in 1984.
"I drove the ball great and probably putted better than I have at any time since I won the Bay Hill (in 1987)," said Stewart, who received \$144,000 for his fourth victory in eight years on the tour.
His fellow-American Kenny Perry, who was tied with Stewart for the lead after the first and second rounds, shot even-par 71 to finish second at 273.
Bernhard Langer of West Germany and American Fred Couples were tied for third place at 277, nine strokes behind Stewart.
Despite appearing so comfortable on the course, Stewart had played this event only twice before.
"It's been four or five years since I've been here," the 32-year-old Floridian said. "And the two times I did play I missed the cut."
Faldo, who claimed the coveted green jacket of the Masters last weekend, finished strong with a 68 to tie for 11th place at four-under 280.



Pat Bradley makes the final putt on the 18th green. (Reuters wirephoto)

Unser establishes own dynasty at Long Beach

Andretti fail to stop Grand Prix champion



Al Unser Jr. (2) maintains the lead as he comes around turn three with Michael Andretti (6) in pursuit. (Reuters wirephoto).

LONG BEACH, California, April 17, (UPI): Al Unser Jr., who ended the Andretti domination of the Grand Prix of Long Beach last year, established his own dynasty yesterday with another victory on the shoreline street course — again at the expense of the Andrettis.
Unser collided with Mario Andretti on the 84th lap, taking the lead from the three-time Long Beach champion, before cruising the final 11 laps to his ninth Indy car triumph, all on road courses.
Michael Andretti's Lola Chevrolet finished 12.83 seconds behind Unser's Lola Chevrolet. He was followed by Emerson Fittipaldi, Bobby Roebel and Rick Mears. Raul Boesel, Arie Luyendyk, Danny Sullivan, Derek Daly and Tom Sneva completed the top 10.
Unser, who had led most of the way from the pole position, lost the lead to Mario during the final pit stop. His car then bumped Andretti's Lola Chevrolet in heavy traffic entering turn 3.
"I ain't putting the blame on anybody," Unser said. "I did the hitting. It was my fault. They all stopped in front of me. There was nothing I could do."
An angry Andretti, who hit a ride back to the pits on the side of son Michael's car, offered no forgiveness.
"I find it difficult to congratulate him," Mario said. "He just punted me out of the way. This is the second time in six months he has done that. He did that in Miami (in the last race of 1988). If that's the way he wants to play, it's pretty sorry."

Bradley ends two-year drought with narrow win

Lopez and Stacy finish 2nd

LOS ANGELES, April 17, (Reuters): Pat Bradley, who has been troubled by health problems the past two years, fired a five-under-par 67 yesterday to win the \$450,000 Los Angeles women's golf tournament.
Bradley finished with an eight-under-par 208 total for a one-stroke victory that was worth \$67,500.
Her fellow-Americans Nancy Lopez, last year's winner here, and Hollis Stacy tied for second place at 209 after shooting 69 and 68, respectively.
The victory for the 38-year-old Bradley, who has been treated for a thyroid problem, was her 23rd on the LPGA Tour but her first since 1987.
"This win has been an emotional one," Bradley said. "Here I am a year later on top of the world."
Birdied
Bradley began the day two strokes behind second-round leaders Sherri Turner, Martha Nause and Danielle Ammacapane but birdied the second and third holes to move into tie for the lead. Two more birdies at the sixth and ninth holes left her tied with Lopez at the turn at seven under par.
Her last birdie, on the par-three 12th, gave her the lead for good. Lopez bogeyed the 12th when she three-putted from the fringe.
Lopez had a 20-foot putt on the 18th hole to tie Bradley but missed to finish one stroke back with Stacy.

US rider critically hurt in Grand Prix

MONTEREY, Calif., April 17, (Reuters): Crashes during and after yesterday's US Motorcycling Grand Prix cast a dark cloud on world championship racing at Laguna Seca raceway.
A crash after the race was already completed critically injured US rider Bubba Shobert, a rookie on the Grand Prix circuit but holder of eight national crowns.
Shobert was riding alongside world champion Eddie Lawson, a fellow American and factory Honda rider, during the victory lap when his cycle and that of Australian Kevin Magee collided.
Shobert was taken by helicopter to hospital in San Jose, Calif., about 37 km away, where the nursing supervisor said Shobert was in critical condition with a head injury.
Magee, who had just lost a battle with Lawson for third place in the race behind winner Wayne Rainey of the United States, was taken to a hospital in Monterey where he was treated for a broken left leg and released to the care of his own doctor, a hospital spokesman said.
Earlier, Wayne Gardner, the 1987 world champion, suffered a broken leg in a crash during the race.
Gardner, second in the championship standings last year and winner of this year's second race last week in Australia, had just passed Magee to go into third place on the 11th lap.
He was admitted to a Monterey hospital where he was listed in fair and stable condition, the hospital spokesman said.
Claudia Costa, a doctor on the Grand Prix tour, treated Gardner and said he should be walking in three weeks. The Australian rider said he hoped to return to the Grand Prix circuit at the Austrian Grand Prix on June 4.
Gardner said he caused his race-accident when he caught his foot on a curb in a turn.
Meanwhile, the thoughts of race winner Wayne Rainey were of Shobert, his longtime racing friend.
"Bubba Shobert is a very good friend, and Kevin Magee is a team-mate," said Rainey. "It's hard to take a victory when a friend's hurt."
Gardner's mother, speaking from his home in Australia, said later the 1987 world champion had broken his leg in two places.
"Wayne has a bad break between his knee and ankle of his left leg and is in traction," Shirley Gardner told reporters.
Fellow-Australian Kevin Magee broke his ankle in the victory lap accident when Shobert slammed into the rear of his bike while congratulating Lawson.
"Magee is waiting on X-rays this afternoon to determine the extent of the break but we believe it won't restrict him from riding the next Grand Prix," Magee's media manager Grant Nicholas told Australian reporters.
"However Gardner's problem is far worse. He has broken his leg in two places and may need surgery to insert a pin into the joint."
Shirley Gardner said her son would fly to London to consult the British bone specialist who rebuilt the leg of former world champion Barry Sheene after a bad crash.

SPORTS

League champions suspend remaining games

LONDON, April 17, (AP): This season's English Football Association Cup final, one of Europe's annual sports showpieces, hung in the balance as the Liverpool team announced it was suspending all its remaining games in the aftermath of Europe's worst soccer disaster.

Liverpool chief executive Peter Robinson said the May 20 championship game at Wembley stadium, the country's national soccer shrine, should be called off as a tribute to the 94 people who died in the opening minutes

of Saturday's cup semifinal between his team and Nottingham Forest.

"Everyone is totally devastated," Robinson said. "No one can think clearly at the moment. At this stage, I don't think it (the final) can be played."

But Football Association chief executive Graham Kelly said he wanted the Cup final to proceed and that a decision would be taken within 48 hours.

Soccer fans who flooded the FA's London headquarters were evenly split about whether to go

ahead with the 117-year-old competition, the world's oldest and most famous domestic knockout soccer tournament.

"Both are legitimate viewpoints," Kelly said. "We will let the weekend pass and will continue our preliminary thoughts about the competition before making a decision on whether it should go ahead."

Problem

Robinson said Liverpool, the defending League champion, would be suspending all its

regular First Division League games until further notice, starting with the home match against last-place West Ham on Wednesday.

"It would be totally inappropriate to play this game at the present time," Robinson said. "Our next problem is, when do we play again?"

"We have to play again — life goes on after tragedy — but just how soon I really couldn't say," Robinson said.

Liverpool's chairman, John Smith, said that if the final does

proceed, all the profits should go to the families of the bereaved and injured.

Soccer fans would then feel they had made "a positive contribution in their own way to express their condolence and their grief."

At a news conference, Kelly said the FA executive committee would meet tomorrow and would make a decision within the next two days on whether the Cup tournament should continue.

Horror turns to anger in Liverpool

People seek explanation for disaster

LIVERPOOL, England, April 17, (Reuters): Numbered horror turned to anger today as the people of Liverpool sought an explanation for the weekend disaster in which 94 fans of the city's premier soccer club were crushed to death.

With Home Secretary Douglas Hurd preparing to announce the terms of a full public inquiry in the House of Commons, many soccer officials and supporters blamed police for causing the crowd surge which led to the deaths.

Flooded

Police opened a gate at the ground to admit hundreds of fans, many without tickets, who flooded on to crowded terracing and crushed spectators against a security fence.

Liverpool city authorities ordered a week of mourning for the victims of Britain's worst sports disaster.

The tribute was announced as a mood of anger in the city began to replace the stunned horror which followed the tragedy on the terraces of Hillsborough stadium in Sheffield on Saturday when Liverpool played Nottingham Forest in a Cup match.

Hundreds of shocked supporters



Thatcher touches the fence where the fans died. (Reuters wirephoto)

ters on their way to work made a pilgrimage to Liverpool Football Club's headquarters today to leave wreaths and hang mementos on the gates.

The club has given £100,000 (\$170,000) to a disaster fund launched by Sheffield council and to which almost £700,000 (\$1.2 million) was pledged almost immediately by donors

who included the government.

Prince Charles and his wife Princess Diana were due in Sheffield later in the day to visit survivors in hospital.

The decision by police to open the gate was questioned by grieving relatives including Trevor Hicks who watched his teen-aged daughter Sarah and Victoria being crushed to death. Hicks

said he was considering legal action against the police and the stadium.

"I could see that where the girls were getting very crowded. I shouted to one of the senior officers that people were being crushed. I didn't get a very polite answer," Hicks said tearfully.

Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who visited the stadium yesterday, ordered a major inquiry into the disaster.

Local police chiefs defended themselves against critics and south Yorkshire police chief Peter Wright has said the decision to open the gate was taken to avert a crowd disturbance outside.

Thousands of eager Liverpool supporters were hammering on the gate as the Football Association (FA) Cup semifinal between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest kicked off.

When policemen opened the gates, the late-comers swept onto the terraces and began filling the central section behind the goal rather than empty spaces on either side.

Their arrival pushed fans already inside against crush barriers and a 10-foot (three-metre) high perimeter fence erected to stop pitch invasions and

separate rival fans.

Television film captured the frightened looks of young fans squashed against the fence as spectators trampled over each other to climb over the fence, the only escape to the pitch.

"It was a free-for-all. There were thousands coming in," said a Hillsborough worker who criticised police at the time.

Local police chiefs walked out of a news conference without responding to reporters' questions after naming 24 of the dead, half of them under 20 and among them a 10-year-old boy.

Superintendent Tony Pratt told reporters: "Everything was done in accordance with well-tried and tested methods...in due course we will have a balanced view of where criticisms should be directed."

Most victims died from suffocation or crush injuries. Of the 50 people in hospital, 19 were in intensive care.

Thatcher admitted that safety measures and past experience had proved inadequate. "It is a disaster of enormous proportions coming on top of previous disasters, coming on top of many precautions...which have clearly not been enough."

PFA names Hughes Player of the Year

LONDON, April 17, (Reuters): Manchester United's Welsh international striker Mark Hughes has been named Player of the Year by the English Professional Footballers' Association (PFA).

Hereceived his award at the PFA's annual awards ceremony yesterday. Liverpool's Steve Nicol was runner-up and England captain Bryan Robson was third.

PFA secretary Gordon Taylor said he had considered postponing the event in the aftermath of Saturday's stadium disaster in Sheffield.

"But I felt the awards were something we should carry on with," Taylor added. "It was the first opportunity for football people to pay their respects to those who died at Hillsborough."

The planned cabaret was cancelled and guests observed a minute's silence for the fans who died at the Liverpool-Nottingham Forest FA Cup semifinal.

Disaster survivors relive ordeal

INJURED survivors of Britain's worst sporting disaster relived their ordeal yesterday with one saying he felt as though he was trapped under water in the crowd crush which killed 94 soccer fans.

The injured, speaking from hospital beds, said they did not know how they escaped being crushed to death on Saturday as fans surged into a stadium in Sheffield shortly after Liverpool and Nottingham Forest kicked off an English Cup semifinal tie.

"It was like being under water when you can't get back up and you've got no air," Ian Clark told reporters. "There were dead bodies on top of me."

Clark, who helped pull eight people clear, said he had seen fans lying with their faces going purple before he too was knocked down. "Last night, I

couldn't sleep at all. I just couldn't get the faces of those dead people out of my mind."

Thomas Byrne, who survived the 1985 Heysel stadium disaster in Brussels in which 39 people died, said fans were walking on other people's heads to get out from the crush. "It's hard to put into words what it was like. There was no panic, you were too close together to panic as such," added Byrne, 37.

Betting shop manager Bill Mylchreest, 66, who suffered crushed ribs, was outside when the blue metal gate swung open.

"Everyone just dashed in," he said. "We went into the tunnel and from the moment we went in, it was like being on roller skates. We kept being pushed on. There were hundreds behind us."

Mylchreest blacked out after

being pushed against a barrier.

Michael Nelson, a 39-year-old scaffolder who had been inside the Hillsborough stadium, didn't think the 54,000-capacity ground was particularly crowded.

Barrier

"The next thing I knew, I got jerked forward and doubled over a barrier," he said. "I just let out an almighty scream. Two lads were trying to push people off me and slapping me over the face saying 'keep awake'. I thought I was going to die."

Lower down the terracing, hundreds had no chance of evading the mass of bodies crushing them against a 10-foot (three-metre) fence of iron posts and wire netting, erected to stop fans invading the pitch. Side walks

prevented any lateral escape.

Police and ambulance workers on the other side of the wire netting were unable to help stricken fans pressed against it.

"I was helping one young girl in her twenties and trying to hold her mouth through the wire mesh to keep her breathing going but there was nothing we could do. She died," ambulance volunteer Peter Wells said.

Joseph Johnston, 55, shouted a warning to his 44-year-old brother Daniel and watched in horror as he was swept away.

"I grabbed the arm of someone leaning over the stand above," he said. "He saved my life. But I never saw Daniel alive again. He didn't stand a chance. How do you begin to tell three young kids that their dad died in a football match?"

Mattar wins Rio de Janeiro Open

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 17, (Reuters): Brazilian Luiz Mattar beat Argentina's Martin Jaité 6-4 5-7 6-4 yesterday in the final of the \$230,000 Rio de Janeiro Open tennis tournament.

Mattar said he owed much to

the support of some 6,000 fans who packed the stadium on the sands of Copacabana Beach.

"I must credit 75 percent of my victory to this wonderful crowd," Mattar said. "They supported me at vital moments,

never giving me a chance to consider defeat."

In the 56-minute first set the players traded service breaks before the crowd upset Jaité's concentration and Mattar broke him to win 6-4.

Agnor triumphs

ATHENS, Greece, April 17, (AP): Playing a powerful serve-and-volley game, Ronald Agnor of Haiti defeated top-seeded Kent Carlsson of Sweden in straight sets yesterday to clinch his first Grand Prix title at the Athens international Nabisco tennis tournament.

Sabatini hands Graf first defeat of the year

Argentine ends world number one's unbeaten run



Sabatini holds up her trophy. (Reuters wirephoto)

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla., April 17, (Reuters): Gabriela Sabatini fought back brilliantly from one set down to beat Steffi Graf in the final of the Amelia Island women's tennis tournament and hand the world number one her first defeat of the year.

Sabatini, serving strong and relying on her lively topspin groundstrokes, defeated Graf 3-6 6-3 7-5 to snap the West German's 31-match unbeaten streak in 1989.

"This is a very emotional moment for me," Sabatini said during the award ceremony on court. "I really had to work hard to beat Steffi today. I had to fight."

The Argentine teenager, one month shy of her 19th birthday, collected \$60,000 for her third victory in 18 matches against Graf.

Graf, who swept the Grand Slam last year, lost only three times in 1988. Two of those defeats were administered by Sabatini, who beat the West German in the semifinals in this clay court tournament last year.

"It's been a long time since I had to make the first speech," Graf told the crowd after the match. "It was a great fight. I hope one day I am back to show my best tennis."

Graf, who had lost only one set all year prior to the match, collected \$24,000.

Graf started out in usual fashion, powering her way through the first set, which she won 6-3.

Sabatini, however, changed tactics and turned the tide.

"I started playing a little different. I played a little more deep," Sabatini said. "She started to make mistakes. My game was bothering her. In the begin-

ning I was playing too short."

The third-seeded Argentine, who reached the final by beating world number two Martina Navratilova, began driving her groundstrokes deeper, mixing up her attack by adding loft to her strokes as she won the second set 6-3 to tie the match.

An early break gave Sabatini the edge in the final set but Graf refused to give in easily.

With Sabatini serving for the match at 5-4, the 19-year-old West German reached break point by stretching far to her right to launch a scintillating lob that landed just over Sabatini on the back line. Sabatini sent a backhand wide on the next point to bring the set back on serve.

But Sabatini responded by breaking right back, running Graf from side to side with her cross-court topspin, and then served out to win the deciding set 7-5.

"This match gives me much confidence for the future," Sabatini said. "I'm there mentally, physically."

Graf said she was bothered by leg cramps at the end of the third set and was trying to shorten the points.

"I couldn't wait for her to hit more moonballs. I had to be more aggressive," Graf said. "She always plays high topspin but not usually that high."

Sabatini, who is still looking to win her first Grand Slam title, said she was looking forward to playing in Roland Garros next month in the French Open.

"I have a good possibility in the French," she said. "I would like to win."



Soccer fans bedeck the goal netting with flowers at the Liverpool football ground (Anfield) as a tribute to the spectators who were killed at Hillsborough. (Reuters wirephoto)

SPORTS BRIEFS

Celtic reach Scottish FA Cup final

GLASGOW, April 17, (Reuters): Holders Glasgow Celtic scored three goals in the opening 28 minutes and went on to beat Hibernian 3-1 in the semifinal of the Scottish FA Cup yesterday. They will meet the winners of tomorrow's replay between Glasgow Rangers and St Johnstone in the final on May 20.

Otto back to winning form

EAST BERLIN, April 17, (Reuters): Kristin Otto of East Germany, who won six swimming golds at last year's Olympics, was in winning form when she returned to action at the weekend for the first time since the Seoul Games. The 23-year-old student journalist won both her events in a domestic competition here.

World's richest horse race scheduled

SURFERS PARADISE, Australia, April 17, (AP): The world's richest horse race, with prizemoney totalling \$3.2 million, will be held at the Gold Coast course outside Brisbane in 1992, the Gold Coast Turf Club said today. The Magic Million Champions Classic will offer a first prize of \$1.6 million, said Keith McLean, chairman of the club.

Johnson may take part in 1992 Games

MONTREAL, April 17, (Reuters): Ben Johnson may be allowed to compete for Canada in the 1992 Olympics despite his disqualification for steroid use at the 1988 Games in Seoul, Canadian Olympic Association president Roger Jackson said.

Ljubojevic clings to lead

BARCELONA, Spain, April 17, (Reuters): Yugoslav grandmaster Ljubomir Ljubojevic held on to the lead in the World Chess Cup yesterday, drawing with Robert Huebner of West Germany in the 14th round. Ljubojevic, with 9-1/2 points, and Huebner agreed to a draw after 15 moves.

Kelly triumphs in cycling classic

LIEGE, Belgium, April 17, (AP): Ireland's Sean Kelly won the Liege-Bastogne-Liege World Cup cycling classic yesterday, easily winning a four-way sprint ahead of France's Fabrice Philippon and Australian Phil Anderson.

England drop scrumhalf Morris

LONDON, April 17, (Reuters): England dropped scrumhalf Dewi Morris and brought in Steve Bates in one of two changes announced today for the rugby union match against Romania in Bucharest next month.

Lawal to defend European title

COPENHAGEN, April 17, (Reuters): Denmark's Racheed Lawal will defend his European junior-lightweight boxing title for the second time on April 27 when he fights Mike Whalley of Britain in Skivehallen, promoter Mogens Falck said today.



World Cup Showjumping

Britain's Princess Anne presents the World Cup Showjumping winning trophy to Ian Millar of Perth, Ontario, after the final round of the competition in Tampa, Florida, on Sunday. Millar won the trophy for the second year in a row. (Reuters wirephoto)

Inter march confidently towards title

ROME, April 17, (Reuters): Internazionale Milan marched confidently towards the Italian League title yesterday with a 2-1 win over Pescara that kept them seven points clear of Napoli.

But Sampdoria went down 1-0 at Roma and slipped to fourth place in the First Division just four days before their second leg European Cup winners' Cup semifinal tie against Mechelen of Belgium.

With the matches to go this season, defending champions AC Milan moved up to third after a 1-1 draw against Lecce on Saturday but still trailed their city rivals by 12 points. Napoli also played on Saturday, beating Fiorentina 3-1.

On a cold, rainy Sunday in Milan, Inter dominated middle of the table Pescara and took the lead in the 21st minute through a Nicola Berli header.

The League's top scorer Aldo Serena made it 2-0 seven minutes later.

National side goalkeeper Walter Zenga saved a Pescara penalty shortly before the interval and Serena was thwarted likewise from the penalty spot in the 41st minute.

Brazilian duo Junior and Edmar lifted Pescara in the second half but failed to find the finishing touch and it was midfielder Rocco Pagano who pulled one back for the visitors in the 84th minute.

Juventus, enjoying a return to the fine form of previous years, had little trouble beating Pisa 3-1 before an unusually small 20,000 crowd.

Sports commentators said many fans had apparently stayed away because of Saturday's soccer tragedy in England where 94 people were crushed to death during a match between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.

The disaster evoked bitter memories of the 39 deaths at Brussel's Heysel stadium in 1985 before a Juventus-Liverpool European Cup final and several Italian stadiums observed a minute's silence before the start of their matches.

Renato Buso scored in the ninth minute for Juventus and the second goal came from a penalty converted by Luigi de Agostino.

Pisa, struggling to avoid relegation, made it 2-1 through Lamberto Piovaneli on the stroke of halftime. Defender Nicola Napoli gave Juventus the third goal in the 73rd minute.

Lewis to race in Tokyo meeting

TOKYO, April 17, (Reuters): Carl Lewis of the United States, the Olympic 100 metres and long jump champion, will head a star-studded field of 60 athletes from 19 countries in the Tokyo international track-and-field meeting on May 14, organisers said yesterday.

They said Joe Delouch, who beat Lewis into second place in the Olympic 200 metres final in Seoul, would also be running

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